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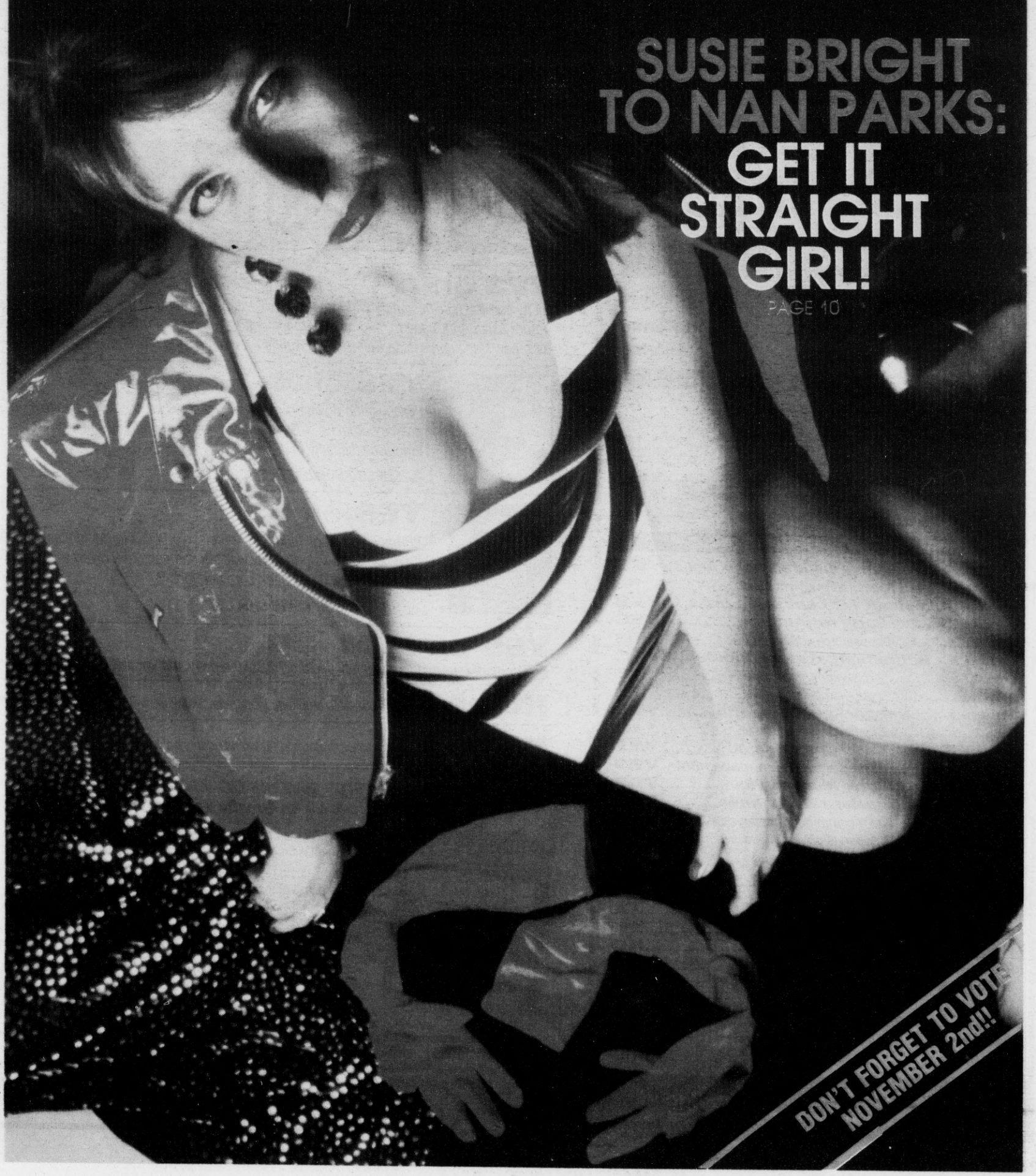


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"Vote NO on Prop 174!"



"Don't let religious fundamentalists destroy public education in California. Don't let them use YOUR tax dollars to teach ignorance and bigotry."

TOM AMMIANO President, San Francisco Board of Education

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ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

RE-ELECT CITY ATTORNEY	**Louise Renne**
RE-ELECT CITY TREASURER	**Mary Callanan**

STATE PROPOSITIONS

Prop 168	*Affordable rental housing*	YES
Prop 169	*Budget implementation*	YES
Prop 170	*School bonds*	YES
Prop 171	*Tax base transfer*	YES
Prop 172	***...Public safety funds***	**YES**
Prop 173	***Housing/jobs investment***	**YES**
Prop 174	***.....School vouchers***	**NO**

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Prop A	***Lesbian/gay cultural center funds..***	**YES**
Prop B	*Street improvement bonds*	YES
Prop C	***...Extend 1/2 cent sales tax .....***	**YES**
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Prop E	*Spousal pension benefits*	YES
Prop F	***Retirement system choice .....***	**YES**
Prop G	*Wage freeze*	YES
Prop H	*Lease financing*	YES
Prop I	***.....Support public health.....***	**YES**
Prop J	*City funds management*	YES
Prop K	***.....Ethics Commission.....***	**YES**
Prop L	***Streamline personnel management ..***	**YES**
Prop M	***.....Better Muni service.....***	**YES**
Prop N	***.....Charter reform now.....***	**YES**
Prop O	*Board committee meetings*	YES
Prop P	*Supervisors' meetings*	YES
Prop Q	*Purchasing procedures*	YES
Prop R	*Retirement Board*	YES
Prop S	*Fine Arts Museums*	YES
Prop T	*Deputy fire chiefs*	YES
Prop U	*Election procedures*	YES
Prop V	***....Jordan's welfare fraud.....***	**NO**
Prop W	*Limit officeholder accounts*	NO
Prop X	***.....Misguided "reform".....***	**NO**
Prop Y	*Taxicab permits*	NO
Prop Z	***.....Garbage bureaucracy.....***	**NO**
Prop AA	*City officials ride public transit*	YES
Prop BB	*Police puppet*	NO

Clip and take this slate to the polls.
Vote Tuesday, November 2nd, 7am-8pm.



RE-ELECT CITY ATTORNEY
Louise Renne

A forceful advocate of equal rights for lesbians and gay men. A leader in legal efforts to reimburse AIDS patients' medical expenses; extend medical benefits to domestic partners; uphold SF's strong gay rights law against legal challenges.

"I'll never forget that Louise Renne's opponent donated his services at no charge to defend the police captain who led the infamous and brutal police sweep of the Castro 5 years ago. Louise Renne clearly is more sensitive to the concerns of our community."
— FORMER POLICE COMMISSIONER GWENN CRAIG



RE-ELECT Mary L. Callanan CITY TREASURER

YES on A *Proposition A will fund crucial repairs and seismic strengthening for 8 City cultural facilities, including the Aquarium, the Exploratorium, the historic Main Library (future Asian Art Museum), and neighborhood cultural centers. Prop A also allocates $4 million for a new Gay and Lesbian Cultural/Performing Arts Center and Museum.*



YES on C

"Proposition C will protect vital city services, including health care, from drastic cutbacks. It's a painless way to prevent disaster to San Francisco's quality of life."

— SUPERVISOR CAROLE MIGDEN



YES on K

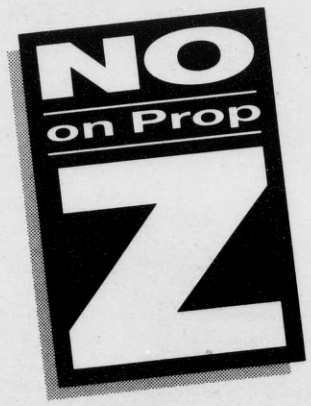
"Proposition K will hold San Francisco officials to the highest ethical standards and stop the City Hall shenanigans that divert attention from the real issues, like health care and jobs."

— SUPERVISOR KEVIN SHELLEY

YES on L, M & N
Government reform and efficiency package to save money and improve services.

NO on V *Stop Jordan's cruel and ineffectual attack on welfare recipients and PWAs.*

NO on X *Misguided "reform" that would enable only the rich to hold public office.*



STOP GOVERNMENT WASTE:
Vote NO on Quentin Kopp's Garbage Bureaucracy.

- Prop Z would replace a non-political rate board with a new "Garbage Commission," creating a new, costly and wasteful bureaucracy.
- Prop Z could result in higher garbage rates, lower quality service and a loss of local jobs.
- Prop Z does nothing to improve San Francisco's recycling services.

"We urge you to vote NO on Prop Z."

- **Sierra Club & San Francisco League of Conservation Voters**
- **Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi**
- **Supervisors Carole Migden & Susan Leal**
- **School Board Members Tom Ammiano & Angie Fa**

"Since 1972 the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club has recommended candidates and issues after a thorough and open evaluation process. The issues in this election are important, and Frank Jordan and Quentin Kopp are counting on low voter turnout to advance their conservative political agenda. Don't let them get away with it. ***Your vote is your power. Use it!"***
— MATTHEW ROTHSCHILD, President.

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(letters)

Psychological Violence

I wrote the following letter several weeks ago and only now feel enough courage to send it. The issues it addresses are still very current.

I feel compelled to respond to Nona Caspers' letter in your July 15 issue. In it she sarcastically paints a nasty picture of power-hungry, opportunistic lesbians arrogantly exploiting the gay men's community since it has been ravaged and decimated by AIDS. She does this to ridicule a previous letter by a man she disagrees with.

One of the images she paints is of having the man's severed testicles on a platter.

I am a man who, several years ago, had to suffer through the removal of one of my testicles due to cancer. The experience has been agonizing both physically and emotionally. As is often the case, the cancer was undiagnosed and so had spread. To remove all of it, surgery had to proceed up into my abdomen, causing lasting nerve damage. I still have frequent cramps and radiating stabs of pain into my penis. For years the pain, humiliation, damaged sex life and poor self-image have often been torture. Repeated surgery in that area has only made matters worse.

This suffering has been compounded by the fact that I am also a survivor of childhood sexual abuse. These two facts of my life have left me with trauma I really don't have much hope of ever living without.

Often over the years I have seen letters and articles in the gay press with joking references by lesbians (and some gay men) to violence against men's genitals. For me this feels like having someone hit an unhealed wound with a two-by-four. In all these years that I have been reading my community papers, I have never seen any joking references to severing women's breast or damaging their ovaries. That of course would be extremely cruel and unfunny. So are such references to men's genitals.

In fact, I hope that if any man were sick enough to send you a letter joking about having the ovaries or severed breasts of some female letter writer he didn't like on a platter, you would not publish it. Please do not publish the writings of someone who thinks violence against men's genitals is funny.

A lot of men get testicular cancer. Also, more boys are sexually abused than you think. So I know I am not the only man who suffers when he sees this kind of thing. Yet, so often I hear or see some really brutal thing like this from lesbians.

It has been so painful for me to write this letter. When I think about all this I feel so hurt and angry that sometimes I feel like I am going to faint. Several times I have had to stop and come back when I felt better.

Please consider not printing any more of this psychological violence in your paper.

Russell Hanley
San Francisco

Correction: "Sex Workers"

Thank you for printing my letter regarding sex workers organizing to challenge Catharine MacKinnon's anti-porn, anti-prostitution legislative strategies. There was only one terrible, humiliating problem about the way this letter was printed. I called and spoke at length with your staff member about the fact that I am a sex worker and member of Sex Worker's Action Coalition (SWAC); the action described in my letter was organized in the name of Sex Workers Addressing MacKinnon (SWAM). Someone typed this in as Single Women Addressing MacKinnon and Single Women's Action Coalition. I don't know how that could have happened. The letter was obviously about sex workers. Needless to say I was profoundly humiliated, even though the mistake was funny. I don't know whether to laugh or cry. My friends feel sorry for me, but they're laughing. I don't mean to stigmatize anyone who identifies as a "single woman," but that would imply that I'm defining my perspective based on the configuration of my primary relationships (which would be okay), but I'm not. It is pretty funny that Ms. MacKinnon was married this year (talk about nasty patriarchal institutions) and "single women" were historically labeled as prostitutes, but I wouldn't have framed the issue that way. Oh well, thanks for the press.

Carol Leigh
aka Scarlot Harlot
San Francisco

Humor Can Victimize

The Women's Action Coalition (WAC) is angered and insulted by the patronizing letter from the cast, crew and production team of *Women in the Shadows*, which appeared in the Sept. 23 issue of the *SF Bay Times*.

In August, WAC received a letter from three women, two of whom are formerly battered lesbians, who attended a performance of the play. In the letter, they voiced their outrage at the play for perpetuating myths about lesbian battering as well as their concern that WAC would sponsor a play of this nature.

In response to this commentary, WAC wrote a letter (*SF Bay Times*, Sept. 9) clarifying its stance on lesbian battering and inviting all women to an educational forum on the issue. On Sept. 14, the San Francisco Network for Battered Lesbians and Bisexual Women gave a comprehensive, survivor-focused presentation on woman-to-woman battering, unrelated to the play.

In their letter, the cast et al. stated that they do not "condone woman to woman battering... does anyone?" We would argue that reinforcing harmful misogynist myths and then defending this expression of ignorance does indeed condone woman-to-woman battering.

In a private letter to WAC, Alvin Orloff, the playwright, went so far as to call Laura, the character who was battered, "masochistic" and "pitiful." This description of any battered woman is degrading and victim-blaming. However, Mr. Orloff did apologize if his play seemed to be "making light of domestic violence." It is ironic that the tone of his non-published letter was apologetic while the cast et al. reacted to the play's criticism defensively and insensitively. They seemed oblivious that *any* comic depiction of battering might be offensive to survivors. It is reprehensible to claim that "Humor is a deterrent to violence." Those who are victims and survivors know all too well that humor has been repeatedly used to revictimize them on a personal and societal level.

Furthermore, WAC is outraged that this group had the gall to apologize to WAC for "being exposed to the wrath of (their) disgruntled theater patrons." WAC is a group of strong, very vocal and very empowered women who are fully capable of dealing with anyone's wrath ourselves. We do not need protection or mediation. The cast et al. also missed the fact that WAC came out publicly in support of these women and their commentary. To further illustrate our support, WAC is donating the proceeds ($40) we received from the play to the San Francisco Network for Battered Lesbians and Bisexual Women.

It is the responsibility of our community to become informed about and to speak out against woman-to-woman battering. WAC is comfortable with *our* process of self-examination and *our* active response. As for the *Women in the Shadows* bunch, remember: *WAC is watching! We will take action!*

The Women's Action Coalition
San Francisco

Avengers Take Twin Peaks

I am writing on behalf of the San Francisco chapter of the Lesbian Avengers in order to clarify actions (on Oct. 1 and Oct. 8) undertaken in the Castro as part of our campaign against misogyny in the Castro. We are also responding to a "memorandum" given to us at our last action (Oct. 8) by "a gay regular customer of the Twin Peaks Tavern" in an attempt to clarify some misunderstandings.

The Lesbian Avengers targeted Twin Peaks Tavern for a *non-hostile* action that would visibly highlight the overt and subtle misogyny existing in the Castro. We chose Twin Peaks Tavern because it was run by lesbians and because its historical glass windows also offered us an incredible amount of visibility. We notified the owner of our action, and *of our (non-hostile) intent* earlier in the week. Our primary motivation was to alert the men in the Castro that we were fed up with the misogyny and were finally going to do something about it. There is an abundance of places in the Castro where women are subject to some form of discrimination based upon their sex (misogyny), whether it be from the owners/managers of the business or from their patrons. Equal space for women-oriented women in the Castro does not necessitate creating another place; it can also be accomplished by reclaiming places that exist.

We were quite surprised by the reaction of the owner and the patrons. First of all, the bartenders and waitress had apparently been warned to expect "200 screaming radical women" and were very anxious to inform us that they really did not have the space nor the serving capabilities. Once reassured that that was not our intent, they were very pleasant and efficient, and many of us commented on how Twin Peaks would be a wonderful space simply to come to regularly. Quite a few of the patrons were also supportive of our presence and of the motivation behind and explanation of our action. Others were quite confrontational, feeling that "at this rate, there'll be no place left for men in the Castro." We confronted these men about the reality of the Castro versus their impression of it. We are tired of having only one bar, the Cafe, one clothing store, one queer bookstore, and a few other businesses where lesbian, bisexual and transgender women can feel comfortable entering and transacting business in the Castro. We were also quite surprised to learn that after the Oct. 1 action, the owner of Twin Peaks Tavern claimed to have "thrown us out." In fact, we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly and finally left late in the evening to pursue other activities.

The Lesbian Avengers realize that Castro men do not necessarily represent the attitude of gay men in general. However, we feel it grievous that the center of homosexual culture in San Francisco cannot welcome or support its lesbian sisters. And we plan to change this present reality. Women-oriented women have been some of the most active in issues that primarily benefit others, be they gay men or women in general, and we feel it time to pay attention to issues that affect us specifically. Our contribution to these issues, while not wasted time in any way, has not resulted in positive accomplishments for lesbians specifically. We, who as a group are most likely to die of breast cancer, cannot get the discounts at health stores for vitamins, discounts that are so compassionately given to HIV/AIDS sufferers. Nor can we even get the respectful attitude normally given to *any* customer in a place of business, and which in the Castro is generally given *just* to male customers. We "apologize" to those who will in the future feel that their toes are stepped on or that their nose has been pushed out of joint, but no one has extended us a helping hand, and so in the words of ani difranco, "we are coming up."

Adrienne Forstner-Barthell
The Lesbian Avengers
San Francisco Chapter

Thank You for Sharing

Thank you, *SF Bay Times*, for bringing Nan Parks into my life every two weeks. What a delight! Nan has made me laugh and made me cry. I like that in a writer.

Also, I laughed harder than I have in a long time reading the volley of pro/con reader reactions to Nan in the Oct. 7 issue. It's almost as much fun to read the reasons why people love or hate Nan as it is to read Nan herself.

As for the column, I must admit I was disturbed as I tried to wade through the first installment, but her earnest attempt at truthful communication and that enchanting little picture of her (what is she doing at that table with templates and such, I wonder. She looks so cozy. Also, is she a man? Anyway) won me over. And she keeps getting better (and easier to read) with each issue. This week's was the best.

Nan, I love you.

Thank you for sharing.

Cosmos
San Francisco

P.S. Nan, the next time Doug screams, try capturing the spider and releasing it in the garden. Spiders are good luck, y'know, and a blessing from the Goddess.

Why?

Please explain to us why this woman, Ms. Parks, is in our paper still? As I said in a previous letter, you spent some effort explaining your changing of logos from *Coming Up!* to the newer *SF Bay Times*, and this hiring of a straight (untalented, offensive, etc.) "writer" is slipped in with no mention of your decision.

I understand we don't need to be informed of every move or decision you make, but don't you think we deserve something more? (Obviously you don't since you haven't responded yet.)

Suddenly I find myself one of those extremely disgruntled, threatening readers who finally says: *No more!* I refuse (and so do several of my friends) to read your newspaper or use your advertisers until you respect us (and here I mean *lesbian, gay and bisexual* readers) enough to let us in on such a momentous change.

Down with Ms. Parks! Or tell us why!

Kay Machado
Berkeley

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LETTER INFO:

Deadline for letters to appear in the November 4 issue is October 29. Please type and double-space letters if at all possible. We reserve the right to edit letters for length. All letters must provide a name, address *and* phone number for verification. We will not publish anonymous letters or letters submitted only with pseudonyms, but will withhold your name on request.

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STATE PROPOSITIONS:

Prop 174: School Vouchers . . . . . NO
This is a dangerous proposal that primarily benefits right wing fundamentalists who hope to create a generation of homophobic bigots. Think about it: $2,500 is taken from the public schools and given to *anyone* who can pull together 25 children with a plan to "educate" them.

For right wingers, this voucher plan kills two birds with one stone: it cripples the public school system, which is doing things they hate, like trying to teach diversity and tolerance, while at the same time financing their "schools," which will "teach" the facts of life according to creationism and bigotry. Sorry to sound hysterical about this, but it is a direct threat to the gay/lesbian/bisexual community. Do we really need schools out there teaching "Kill a Queer for Christ?"

As if that were not enough, the rest of the country is carefully watching this initiative with baited breath. If it goes through here, it is damn sure they will try it elsewhere.

And then there are the kids. Prop. 174 does not require teachers to have any credentials. The proposal will allow schools to reject applicants for any reason—including race, gender and, of course, sexuality. 174 represents the ultimate in privatization—it privatizes the future thought of California's next generation. As if we did not have enough to worry about. Vote No on 174.

SAN FRANCISCO PROPOSITIONS:

A: Cultural Facilities Bonds . . . . . YES
Funding for a lesbian/gay community center is part of the monies that will become available under this bond issue. Vote Yes on A.

B: Street Improvement Bonds . . . . . YES
The streets of San Francisco are clearly in need of repair. The sooner that happens, the less expensive it will be. Vote for B.

C: Sales Tax . . . . . YES
In order to continue many of the programs retained in the recently passed City budget, Proposition C must pass. Prop C is the stop-gap measure that prevented the complete gutting of the health budget this past August. Prop C will not actually increase local sales tax; it will just keep it where it is currently, at 8-1/2 percent. If Prop C fails, there will be immediate cuts in the health department and other crucial city services. PLEASE, PLEASE, VOTE YES ON C.

D: Early Police & Fire Retirement . . . YES
Although this measure will in the short term cost the City some extra money, in the long haul residents of San Francisco stand to benefit, both financially and socially. It calls for the early retirement of police and firefighters. The jobs will be filled by new recruits who will not only be working at lower wages than the pending retirees, but they will be much more likely to be representative of San Francisco's racial and sexual diversity than the old guard in both departments. Vote Yes on D.

E: Spousal Pension Benefits . . . . . YES
Current city policy cuts off pension benefits for the spouse of a deceased city worker if the spouse remarries. Prop E allows the spouse to retain the pension on remarriage. *SF Bay Times* heartily endorses this measure. We don't want a whole lot of folks forced to live in sin, just to keep those retirement benefits rolling in. Vote Yes on E.

F: Police & Fire Retirement . . . . . NO
While it's true that the city retirement system is badly in need of an overhaul (see Prop E, et. al.), this isn't the way to go about it. Prop F forces the Board of Supervisors to vote on issues of police and fire retirement, rather than letting the voters decide. That translates to a blank check for the police and fire departments, drawn from the accounts of taxpayers. (When was the last time an aspiring politician voted against the cops?) Vote No on F.

G: Wage Freeze . . . . . NO
Prop G extends dental benefits to city workers in exchange for a one-year wage freeze. In the long haul, this would be incredibly costly to taxpayers, providing city workers who are already decently paid with benefits afforded very few workers in the private sector. And San Francisco just plain can't afford it. Pray for national health care reform and Vote No on G.

H: Radio Systems Upgrade . . . . . YES
The 911 and other radio systems in San Francisco are badly in need of an overhaul. This proposition carries a high price tag, but the costs pale compared to the potential disaster should the City experience another major earthquake or highrise emergency. Vote Yes on H.

I: Health Department Upgrade . . . . . YES
This is a relatively inexpensive measure that could make a tremendous difference to the City's health department. This allows DPH to upgrade badly worn-out equipment. The health department budget has been gutted in recent City budget battles, and this is financing they desperately need. Vote Yes on I.

J: Cash Management . . . . . YES
A ballot measure that actually saves the City money! How novel. Prop J represents commonsense good business thinking (put your money where it pays the highest interest) and should be adopted. Vote Yes on J.

K: Ethics . . . . . YES
Without a doubt, the commission created by this proposition will become a cheap tool of cynical politicians. Despite that, it wouldn't hurt to try for a bit of ethical watchdogging of City government. Surely the commission will be responsible for some instances of whistleblowing that can utimately benefit City residents. Vote for an Ethics Commission. Yes on K.

L: Human Resources Dept. . . . . YES
Prop L represents Charter reform that allows the consolidation of all City personnel functions into one department. Straightforward, needed reorganizing. Saves money. More efficient. Vote Yes on L.

M: Transportation Commission . . . . . YES
At long last—a decent plan to begin the reform of public transportation in San Francisco. Prop M creates a Department of Transportation whose sole job is to run Muni. This is a complex plan that shifts revenue streams and management structures, but the net effect will be better run and better financed bus service for the residents of San Francisco. Prop M also allows for more citizen input into important Muni decisions (anyone miss those transfers?). This is long overdue transit reform. Vote Yes on Prop M.

N: Charter Review . . . . . YES
Prop N mandates that San Francisco officials finally begin the seriously belated process of Charter Reform. Everyone in city government's been talking about this for years, but no one has actually taken it on. As a result, city residents get stuck voting on a maze of propositions on every ballot to deal with issues that could be easily handled by city officials with a more sensibly structured beauracracy. Vote Yes on Prop N.

O: Supervisor Committee Hearings . . . YES
Now is your chance to actually see the supervisors at work outside of City Hall. Perhaps this is not a pretty sight, but it is a pretty good idea. Most of the work supervisors do takes place in committees. Prop O would allow them to hold committee meetings in the community and requires 30 days of public notice so everyone can be prepared to show up.

Big deal, you say, but this could generate real improvements in people's lives. Say the SFPD decided to occupy your neighborhood one October evening. You could demand that the relevant supes show up and hold a hearing in the vicinity so they could actually see the damage wreaked and conceivably do something about it.

All the supes support this measure, and you can too. Vote Yes on O.

P: Supervisor Board Hearings . . . . . YES
OK, one more time. This measure will get the entire Board of Supervisors, not just the committees, but the entire menagerie, OUT of the "Twilight Zone" to meet some actual citizens, and not just the poor demented souls who seem to enjoy weekly board meetings. In addition, the supervisors will get a chance to see the voting public in their natural habitats. The voters will get a chance to see the supervisors operating normally—if that is possible—rather than just on TV screaming at each other. Vote Yes on P for a somewhat more realistic view of government.

Q: Purchasing Procedures . . . . . YES
Prop Q brings city purchasing procedures a little bit out of the dark ages. Ultimately, it will save money by streamlining procedures and updating dollar amounts. Vote Yes on Q.

R: Retirement Board Candidates . . . . YES
Currently, the system does not allow retired employees to vote on the Retirement Commission. Let the people who are affected have a representative on the commission. Vote Yes on R.

S: Fine Art Museum . . . . . YES
Another remarkable concept: let the Board of Trustees of the Museum run the museum!! Wow! Vote Yes on S.

T: Deputy Fire Chiefs . . . . . YES
This proposition is part of the plan for the fire department to meet court-mandated reforms around the hiring of women and minorities. Vote Yes on T.

U: City Election Residency . . . . . YES
Prop U brings city election laws into line with state elections laws and requires candidates to reside in the City. Another needed bit of charter reform that will also save some dollars. Vote Yes on U.

V: General Assistance . . . . . NO, NO, NO
Prop V is another miserable chapter in Frank Jordan's ongoing war on the homeless and disenfranchised of San Francisco. First, we had an anti-panhandling ordinance, next was Matrix—the Sleep On A Blanket, Get A Ticket program. Now we have Prop V, an overt political scapegoating effort designed to curry favor with voters. The tactic is to go after an easy target—General Assistance welfare fraud—instead of looking at structural reasons for poverty. And what more popular political target is there than a welfare cheat? Nice move, Frank.

Prop V will force General Assistance recipients to be fingerprinted to obtain benefits. It will kick people off GA rolls for 30 days if they miss an appointment, and it requires that people live in the City for 15 days before getting GA. The 30 day rule proposed by Jordan is double the current penalty, another punitive attack on the poor.

Let's talk money. GA is worth $345 a month; try living on that when most fleabag hotels cost $300 a month. Imagine entering Mayor Jordan's homeless program, where $280 is given to the

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C: Sales Tax	YES
D: Early Police & Fire Retirement	YES
E: Spousal Pension Benefits	YES
F: Police & Fire Retirement	NO
G: Wage Freeze	NO
H: Radio Systems Upgrade	YES
I: Health Department Upgrade	YES
J: Cash Management	YES
K: Ethics	YES
L: Human Resources Dept.	YES
M: Transportation Commission	YES
N: Charter Review	YES
O: Supervisor Committee Hearings	YES
P: Supervisor Board Hearings	YES
Q: Purchasing Procedures	YES
R: Retirement Board Candidates	YES
S: Fine Art Museum	YES
T: Deputy Fire Chiefs	YES
U: City Election Residency	YES
V: General Assistance	NO, NO, NO
W: Limitation of Officeholder Accounts	NO
X: Elimination of Officeholder Accounts	NO
Y: More Taxis	NO
Z: Recycling	NO
AA: SF Employees Ride Muni	YES
BB: Police Puppet	YES

CITY ATTORNEY: NO ENDORSEMENT

hotel for rent, leaving $60 a month to live on. How can anyone live on $60 a month without looking for a little extra money on the side? Mayor Jordan calls it fraud; others might call it survival.

The most despicable, and least publicized, aspect of the measure is the impact it will have on PWAs and other sick individuals. According to homeless and AIDS activists Prop. V will cut PWAs and sick people off of GA for 30 days if they are sick and cannot make an appointment.

If you have a note from your doctor, you won't get cut off. But how many people on GA have their own doctor? Most of those on GA get their primary healthcare at SF General. Mayor Jordan says normal appeals processes will apply. What are people supposed to live on while they appeal a decision?

What happens to those who are terminated? How many will be evicted from their homes and will wind up on the streets? While landlords may let people slide on rent for two weeks, will they do the same for people who are four to six weeks late?

Fingerprinting. Much has been written, but to keep it short: to fingerprint GA recipients is to endorse status based discrimination. It creates a new class of people subject to greater regulation than the rest of the population.

The 15-day residency requirement is doubtless born of the Jordan administration's paranoia that marauding hordes of poor people are headed to San Francisco—and the moment they step off the bus they head to the nearest GA office. Possible, but unlikely. Mayor Jordan is a fine one to talk about abusing the rights of residency. Some 15 of his commissioners abruptly became San Francisco residents when appointed, and at least one registered to vote in the City that very day.

On the other hand, there may be one humane reason Mayor Jordan wants people to vote for Prop. V. When bodies are found in alleyways of those who have perished from AIDS, hunger or poverty, the police will be able to identify them—with the fingerprints that are on file. Thus relatives can be alerted there has been a death in the family.

Vote NO, NO, NO on V: the kinder, gentler police state.

W: Limit Officeholder Accounts . . . . . NO

This charade of reform is no reform at all. (See discussion of Prop X.) Vote No on W.

X: Ban of Officeholder Accounts . . . . . NO

Prop X is partly a good idea: it puts a stop to limitless political slush funds. These "Friends" committees are opened by local elected officials, and make them irrationally accountable to lobbyists and big-money interests.

The problem with Prop X is that "Friends" accounts are also used to pay many of the costs associated with being a public figure. And in San Francisco, where we pay our supervisors a whopping $24,000 a year, that's an important consideration. For the gay community, it would mean that a politician like Carole Migden, who is not at all wealthy, would face huge financial obstacles were she to run for, say, Mayor, had she not already built a sizable "Friends" account. Basically, Prop X, enacted by itself, means that higher office is only attainable for wealthy politicians.

SF Bay Times would support this measure were it accompanied by other campaign finance reforms, which are sorely needed. By itself, it mistakenly perpetuates politics for the wealthy. Vote No on Prop X.

Y: More Taxis . . . . . NO

It would be really nice if there were more taxi cabs in San Francisco, but this is not the way to go about it. Prop Y is a thinly veiled union busting scam organized by the Taxicab companies. Union organizers are in the first stages of getting cabbies defined as employees of the company, rather than independent contractors. As employees, they can then go to the National Labor Relations board and have a union election.

Prop Y throws a huge Mr. Badwrench into the union's organizing work by giving cab drivers the so-called choice of being employees or independent contractors. Union activists suspect cab companies will make being an employee so onerous—with exorbitant gate fees and health insurance charges—that most drivers remain independent contractors. If that happens, Presto! No employees, no union. A time-worn union-busting tactic.

Besides, if Prop Y passes, it would make wearing Hawiaan shirts by taxicab drivers illegal. Hawaiaan shirts are beautiful. Vote NO on Y.

Z: Recycling . . . . . NO

We hate to resort to cliches here, but we'll do it anyway: Don't Fix What Ain't Broke. San Francisco has some of the lowest garbage rates in Northern California. The two locally run companies, operated by NorCal, offer the widest ranges of curbside services anywhere in the country, including curbside recycling, hypodermic needle collection programs, a household hazardous waste collection facility and even an artist in residence program.

There is no guarantee that the bottom line bidding advocated by Prop Z would maintain either the low rates or the wide range of services. The only people guaranteed to profit from this measure are the two out-of-town garbage companies that put this on the ballot. Have you heard anyone clamoring for this type of "reform?" We have not.

Look at who opposes this measure: Virtually every environmental group and political party in the City. Oh, and one more thing, this measure would turn a currently nonpolitical operating structure into a mayorally appointed commission. Vote No on Z.

AA: SF Employees Ride Muni . . . . . YES

How many times have you sat on a jam-packed Muni bus fuming about the state of public transport in this town? How many times have you waited in the pouring rain for the "33 Godot," the "22 Fellini" or the "7 Hate," and thought, "Goddammit, if I had my way the worthless bastards who allegedly run this City should suffer along with the rest of us. Maybe they would do something about MUNI!"

Did you sneer when Angela Alioto talked about what an eye-opener it was to take the bus—for the past six months—when you have been stuck on Muni for years? Well, now is your chance for a bit of feel-good revenge. If Prop AA passes, public officials, too, will have to take public transit, and then maybe something would be done about the "service," and maybe we would get our transfers back. Vengeance is ours!!! Vote Yes on AA.

BB: Police Puppet . . . . . YES

And they complained about Jello Biafra and Sister Boom Boom? Use a dummy, lose your job? How about: Guns to Puppets (as in swords to plowshares)? For god's sake, let's let Officer Bob use his puppet on the job. There are worse things in the world. Vote Yes on BB.

CITY ATTORNEY: NO ENDORSEMENT

There is no good choice for voters in the City Attorney's race. Challenger Neil Eisenberg has a long history of being on the wrong side of issues. For example, he *volunteered* to represent Capt. Cairns for his leadership role in the October 1989 police occupation of the Castro. Eisenberg is not well regarded by progressive and/or gay/lesbian attorneys, whom he has opposed in court battles.

Louise Renne is a known quantity, but her record isn't much better. There is little gay representation in the City Attorney's office, and Renne has been quite comfortable with that. Her office has gone to the mat to defend the City when it is clearly wrong, as in the infamous Muni rape case. This has resulted in settlement verdicts that far exceed what the city could have paid by negotiating honorably in the first place.

SF Bay Times has had a close look at the City Attorney's office, as we have been pushed into filing a lawsuit against the city due to the seizure of our newspaper by then-Police Chief Hongisto & three on-duty cops in May 1992. We would have been more than happy to settle for a relatively paltry sum and a clear-cut policy statement when we first incurred significant expenses at the hands of city employees, but the City Attorney's office refused to so much as discuss it with us, and we decided to file suit.

What's worse, the City is now joining the cops and Hongisto in arguing that it is constitutionally OK for them to take as many copies of a newspaper as they feel like whenever they feel like it, because we are distributed at no charge to our readers.

Under this argument, Ms. Renne could order her on-duty deputy attorneys to run around and snatch up all copies of this issue of the *Bay Times* because she doesn't like what this editorial says. No harm done. Hey, it was free anyway.

To put it mildly, this would seriously stifle the freedom of the alternative press—and its readers—should the city win on this account. And it's more than a little bizarre to be having this arguement in the City of San Francisco—a city which supposedly represents tolerance and understanding, with an occasional assumption of progressive government.

The *Bay Guardian* is urging a vote for Eisenberg because he will take on the municipalization of PG&E. While Renne's failure to do this represents yet another shortcoming, it does not sufficiently tip the scales to Eisenberg, given his own shortcomings.

There's not much difference between these two candidates, except that Renne has paid lip service to the gay community from time to time. But she's really most comfortable at her Pacific Heights mansion among her well-heeled associates.

We deserve a better choice for City Attorney. *Bay Times* urges No Endorsement in this race.

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Honoring The Storytellers: Boston OutWrite '93

by Tim Kingston

Writers must tell stories. It is a simple-enough truth, yet it is often overlooked, lost in a thicket of arcane theory and knee-jerk politics. And it is a truth that might well have been lost once more—at the 4th annual OutWrite Conference of gay and lesbian writers in Boston from Oct. 8-10—had it not been for a fortuitous last-minute change in scheduling.

When Tony Kushner, the highly-feted creator of *Angels in America*, canceled due to intensive rehearsals in London, OutWrite '93 organizers turned to author and gay porn icon John Preston to deliver the opening address. Preston's speech, drafted in barely six hours, turned a keynote speech into the cornerstone of the conference.

"I was taught to tell stories," declared Preston to the 1,700 gay, lesbian and bisexual novelists, writers, journalists, poets and dramatists assembled at Boston's Park Plaza Hotel. "I did it because I never gave a fuck. I did it because the cost of remaining silent was too high."

Preston wove a mesmerizing tale of his life and loves, driving home the point that the most important thing that gay, lesbian and bisexual writers can do is tell our stories—to each other and the world in general. "We were angry and beautiful" declared Preston, recounting his youth as a gay street-kid in Boston, who was looked after by a covey of fussy queens, mother hens to the gay street youth in Boston. Preston added, "I was honored by my group to be the speaker, to be in charge of the words. That was the first time I understood the power of the word."

For Preston, the choice of venue for OutWrite '93 was auspicious in a very personal way, since the Park Plaza Hotel is where he lost his cherry to a traveling salesman, a man who taught him to take pride in his sexuality and story telling, to not let anyone grind him down.

Preston's emphasis on storytelling provided a motif and theme for the conference—an organizing principle that lasted the whole weekend. As presentations, panels and workshops veered from cartoonists, to AIDS and porn, to science fiction, to science and politics, to S/M, to censorship, to gay theater, and Queer Youth—the underlying theme of storytelling held firm.

TALES OUT OF SCHOOL

The first packed panel of the conference, "Airing Our Dirty Laundry" was on how, and when, to write about shame and scandal within the community. The highly animated discussion started things off with a bang, raising a "fictional" scenario of a scandal and probing issues related to publishing such a story.

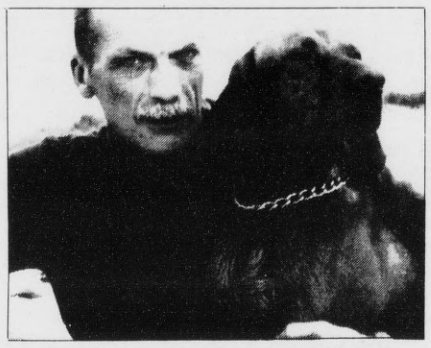
The panelists, including Masha Gesson, formerly of the *Advocate,* Doug Sandowick of the *L.A. Weekly,* Donna Minkowitz of the *Village Voice,* and this writer, discussed how to cover stories about the community in both the straight and gay press. Their views ranged from an activist-with-an-agenda, community investigator of stories that would otherwise be ignored, to an investigative muckraker analyzing information that the mainstream press would probably get wrong.

Liz Galst of the *Boston Phoenix* raised the most intriguing question of the day by asking when and if journalists should avoid stories that could politically damage our communities. Galst presented a "fictional" case about a famous gay activist getting a job with an anti-hate crime election campaign, a person with an alleged history of sexually harassing aides of the same sex. On closer inspection, the allegations appear accurate.

Even more intriguing—as the discussion moved on—it became clear that half the people in the room seemed to have a very good idea of exactly who that supposedly "fictional" activist was: a Boston gay politico. And, in fact, that the upcoming election was also far from fictitious.

Galst then asked the audience, should she publish before the election? After the election? Never?

While Galst was ambivalent about publishing the story, the rest of the panel and the vast majority of the audience argued strongly in favor of running the story as soon as it could be investigated and proven—even if that meant threatening the politico's electoral chances. The general feeling was: The community has a right to be informed, and community journalists have an obligation to provide that information, as long as it can be verified. The only question left unanswered by the end of the session was: Will Galst be doing that "fictional" story any time soon?



Author and porn icon Preston with his dog.

In fact, the only jarring note at the session was when a naif from the *James White Review* whined, "Why do reporters always have to dig up muck on people, when there is a perfectly good legal system to deal with such issues?" The panel visibly twitched and grimaced; neural pathways flashed "KILL!!" "MAIM!!" But after a moment's reflection, Gesson and Minkowitz patiently explained why and how a free press and a free flow of information are needed for a somewhat democratic society to function.

SEX STORIES, AIDS STORIES

On every subsequent panel, the majority of questions raised were about the craft of writing and the art of communicating. And attendees at OutWrite '93 seemed genuinely interested in the sharing of ideas, not scoring points at the expense of one another.

Two differing, but not necessarily contradictory, positions emerged in the AIDS and porn forum. Rodney McCoy of the National Minority AIDS Coalition began by arguing the necessity of expanding and eroticizing the definition of safe sex. He gave a litany of how it is hot to kiss, to talk about kissing, sucking nipples and licking skin, and on and on, in such a fashion that the room temperature rose several degrees.

"Condoms and dental dams have to be a way of life and saving ourselves—not a way of death," said McCoy. In particular, he argued that, especially among gay and bisexual men of color, it is critical to encourage the practice of safe sex. He said one great way to do that is write about it and read about it in porn.

But the other panelists argued written and visual porn are part of the fantasy world of sex, and can be free from admonitions to practice safer sex, because fantasies are just that—fantasy, not reality. "Words give me hard-ons," declared Scott O'Hara, editor of *STEAM* magazine. He aptly defined porn as "material intended to get people off."

"Porn broadens the range of possibilities I could have," added O'Hara. "It does not mean that I want to go join the army, or a construction crew, or go into a gym and rape young boys. It does not mean that I want to live that fantasy and go out and do it!" Rather than exclude depictions of HIV and AIDS in sex, O'Hara urged that HIV be acknowledged and accepted, even celebrated, as part of the riskiness inherent in sexuality. O'Hara, who is HIV-positive, also advocated a new genre of HIV-positive and PWA porn: "You know, the Bennetton ad with the HIV-positive man. Whew, is that hot!"

For a change, the conference was tolerant of diverse views. Instead of setting off a huge political debate about whether such views were right or wrong, the panelists and audience accepted a smorgasbord approach to AIDS and porn, with little emphasis on dogma.

Even when one young man stood up to decry the racism, sexism and classism of much of porn, the response was not a political debate. Instead panelists and audience members suggested if he did not like existing porn, he should try to make his own, rather than dictate what kind of porn to prohibit.

SCIENCE AND DEFINITION

Simon LaVay's research on the difference between gay men and straight men has so far been swallowed whole and uncritically by many. But the panel on "Science and Politics" carefully deconstructed LaVay's findings, putting them in the context of a theory and practice of a science that is often riddled with bias, stereotyping and prejudice—all dressed up with the pretense of objectivity.

Evelyn Hamonds, an instructor at M.I.T., carefully fileted LaVay's study, pointing to the small sample size he used and the lack of heterosexual controls. Hamonds also alleged that fully one-quarter of the gay men in the study lacked the biological markers that LaVay said were present in homosexual men. Hamonds further critiqued LaVay's work as coming from the same traditional paradigm that has tried to find differences in the brain size and shape of Blacks and whites, to "prove" Blacks' alleged inferiority.

The panelists expressed doubt that biological "proof" of gay/lesbian genetic references will have a positive political outcome for our community. According to Ann Fausto Sterling, a professor of medical science at Brown University, many activists argue that if being gay can be proven to have a biological basis, it will strengthen the community's political stance. Thus Sterling explained that that argument says, If "Gayness" is immutable, then people are more likely to accept gay and lesbian people, because it is an inherent quality. But that is not necessarily guaranteed, as African Americans have found, said Sterling. "Historically, the lessons of using science are very dangerous and unsafe." Sterling added, "In Nazi Germany, being genetically different got you eliminated."

However, Frank Aqueno, an L.A.-based performance artist, said questioning LaVay's finding is a touchy subject: "Most gay men I meet believe they were born that way. The nails go out and the backs go up when the subject [that LeVay might be wrong] is broached."

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

Ironically, the one complaint heard most often at the conference was that it lacked controversy—there were no fireworks, there was no Edward Albee excoriating everyone's work, and no one ripping other authors to shreds for not being inclusive. Even those who were dismissive of Preston's complaints about the treatment he received from closeted professors at his university were muted in their critique. "We can't all go to Ivy League schools," snapped one, who softened when he said he was touched by the emotional content of Preston's opening address.

Not everyone was consumed by content, either. Three leather-jacketed women were observed talking excitedly in a corner of the hotel. This reporter approached them for some analysis and asked them their impression of the conference. "Well, actually," they sheepishly reported, they were "evaluating tits."

The only substantive moan on record came from the science fiction panel, with Jewelle Gomez and Samuel Delaney, when the moderator took it as a personal slight that the session was not being taped, and that it was scheduled at 9 am, rather than a more amenable hour. Aside from that, the conference seemed to go off without a hitch. Amazingly enough, the conference even broke even financially.

Even the bisexual caucus, historically a hotbed of discontent, alleging terminal biphobia on the part of OutWrite organizers, seemed satisfied. A couple even skipped going to the bisexual caucus altogether, in favor of meeting Pat Califia and buying subscriptions to *Venus Infers*, an S/M porn magazine.

On the final day of the conference, lesbian science-fiction writer Jewelle Gomez brought the focus back to the politics of writing—but it was politics with a small "p." "Politics is the interconnective tissue of human experience," stated Gomez. "As writers we must fight for a more inclusive world." She added, "Our society is not monochromatic. There is no statue, painting or writing that is not informed by living in a multicultural society. You can do it with a walk-on character—I'm not asking you to write *Native Son*!"

"What is gay and lesbian literature?" asked Gomez. "It is what we say it is. It is all the moments that came before us, and brought us to this point." And the point was to walk out into the sharp clear light of a crisp autumn day, and go on telling our stories, loudly, expertly and with pride.

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Gov. Wilson Vetos Needle Exchange

by Tim Kingston



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Governor Pete Wilson's Oct. 8 veto of legislation that would allow pilot needle exchange programs is "a death warrant for thousands and thousands of people in the state of California," charges Dave Ford of the SF AIDS Foundation. "It is purely political. He had all the evidence, and in this case he is putting politics way before public health." While Wilson supporters deny the decision was political, Ford thinks otherwise: "I am hard pressed to believe this has nothing to do with politics: given that the election is next year, given his low polls and given that there is little Wilson does that is not political."

It is the second time Gov. Pete Wilson has vetoed needle exchange legislation, saying there is "no clear evidence" needle exchange reduces HIV infection among injection drug users (IDUs). But that directly contradicts a recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of needle exchange—the most comprehensive ever conducted—which concluded needle exchange programs significantly reduce needle sharing and HIV infection among injectors, without increasing injection drug use rates. (See *SF Bay Times*, "Needles are Cool," Oct. 7, 1993.)

Wilson's claim of "no clear evidence" of needle exchange efficacy may be more than a little disingenuous. According to Dr. Peter Lurie, principle investigator on the CDC study, such a high standard of proof may not be possible. "Due to the need for very large sample sizes and multiple impediments to doing randomized studies, we probably cannot, and never will be able to, provide clear evidence that syringe exchange programs decrease HIV infection rates." But, Lurie says, all the evidence points in favor of needle exchange, and in no instance has a needle exchange program ever led to increased rates of HIV infection.

LIVES IN THE BALANCE

The most striking element of the governor's veto was how he balanced the lives of IDUs against non-drug users, asking, "In blunt terms is it worth reducing the risk of infection to intravenous drug users at the potentially far greater cost of undermining all our other preventative anti drug efforts?"

Wilson also asserted—without any proof—that legalizing needle exchanges would result in an "enormous increase" in the number of young people who become "addicts." Just to make sure no one missed the point, Wilson declared that he signed the veto "fully mindful" that there are up to 400,000 active IDUs in the state. Dr. Lurie declared, "It was an alarmingly concrete statement of what many people in HIV prevention have been saying for years: Somehow the lives of drug users are considered to have less value than those of other people."

SF Bay Times asked J.P. Tremblay, the governor's press spokesperson, if Wilson's veto message was not, in fact, a death sentence through HIV infection for IDUs in California. Tremblay retorted, "You are reading things into it that are not there." When Jeanne Cain, assistant secretary at the California Health and Welfare Agency, was asked the same question, she responded, "It is their choice to use drugs. [Needle exchange] is in contradiction to our basic overall prevention efforts. It is their choice to use drugs."

That is not a particularly compassionate analysis of drug addiction, says Ford. "While it is someone's choice to use drugs, when they are in the thrall of drug addiction, that choice is all but taken away from them. Anyone who has been hooked on cigarettes knows that. What needle exchanges propose to do is help those who are addicted to drugs."

Ford added that needle exchanges help keep those who are addicted alive, as well as providing an opportunity for them to get into treatment, if they want to.

It has not taken long for the message of Wilson's veto to get through to law enforcement officials. On Oct. 16, Scott Halem was arrested while trying to operate ACE, the Alameda County Exchange, in Oakland. Halem said, "The veto gives license for police officers to intimidate people who are doing needle exchanges—who are doing AIDS prevention work. It shows a complete disregard for human life."

Halem says his arrest guarantees that he will be at the emergency ACT UP and needle exchange demonstration called at the State Capitol to protest the veto on Friday, Oct. 29, at noon.

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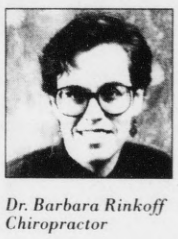
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Helping HIV-Positive Women In Prison

An Interview with Crystal Mason

by Jacqueline Elizabeth Letalien

Prisons may no longer chain inmates to the walls or beat them to death with whips, but the system is still archaic and brutal. Women inmates are subjected to a world where there is no privacy, no respect. Few witness the insults and assaults perpetrated against them, sometimes by other inmates, often by the guards and system.

It is a system in which arrogance, punitive whim, and the abusive power of prison authorities goes unchecked and unseen. If a prisoner has a complaint with an official, she must write out the complaint, have proof of the charge, and have the person against whom the complaint is filed sign the deposition. If the charges cannot be proved, the inmate is punished for "lying." In one alleged incident, a woman went all out and got the signatures of 450 inmates on a complaint against an MTA (Medical Technician Assistant). The next time she went to the infirmary, this very same MTA was still there. He shoved two ammonium tablets up her nose and covered her nose and mouth with a rubber glove. This scene was interrupted when another prisoner happened by.

Even in less extreme cases, the prison system subjects women to what could be deemed criminal neglect on the outside. Sometimes women die from such treatment. There is little responsible, unbiased oversight of the prison system. Prison authorities are free to do what they will, and they take advantage of this power. The *SF Bay Times* recently spoke with Crystal Mason, a San Francisco AIDS Foundation caseworker responsible for outreach to women in prison with HIV and AIDS.

(SF Bay Times) What are the problems of women prisoners with HIV?

(Mason) Women who are in prison or jail are the invisible people inside of an invisible population. Nobody's realizing how different their situation is even from women on the outside. In prison they have even less control, and less access to information and treatment.

What stage is the work at in terms of developing educational material for women?

There are people on the outside, like me, who are trying to get information into the prisons. There are some prisoners inside who are asking for and collecting information to share with other inmates. That's difficult. I sent a packet of information to a woman in prison a month ago, and three weeks later I got the package back. It just said "unauthorized mail." They didn't know what was in it because the package wasn't even opened. If I take the information— put it in another envelope, write the person's name on it, the same thing—it'll probably go through. It's very arbitrary.

I was at a conference where Teena Farmon, the warden of Chowchilla, spoke. She said they don't have a gynecologist, but they had tried and tried to get one. But they don't pay as much as somebody outside, and who wants to live in Madera? Those are two common barriers to getting qualified people to work in prisons. I give her those two points.

On the other hand, I wrote her a letter offering my help, the help of the AIDS Foundation. She wouldn't have had to pay a cent for me to come to her prison. I never heard a word from her. This makes her declaration of trying so hard to get a gynecologist disingenuous, because here I am offering my services at no charge, and I have been totally blown off by her. The same thing happened at CIW (Correctional Institution for Women). I wrote letters to them offering any help I could give and haven't heard from anyone.

At CIW there's a woman inmate who works in the library. For the last year, I've been sending information. She's been doing that on her own with little or no support from the prison she's in. There's no one who's charged with overseeing the dissemination of information around HIV and AIDS. The CDoC (California Department of Corrections) thinks that's not their responsibility. They feel it's the responsibility of the inmates to get that information themselves.

Who have no authority within the system.

Again, authorities in the prisons obviously feel they can block information if they don't want it to come in. I send comic books that are pretty explicit and talk about sex or safe needle use; articles, lists of things you can do that are sexually safe and not safe. For a long time the prison people said that sex and drug use are illegal in prison. Because that's true, they do have some grounds for sending the literature back. But everyone knows there is sex in prison. And these women are going to get out one day. What about then?

And what about the women who are HIV-positive?

They really foster a sense of fear around HIV and AIDS in prison. For women who are infected, it's very difficult because they get called names. There's no such thing as confidentiality. There should be, because there's no reason for everybody to know that a woman is infected. There's fear among the other prisoners who are not infected; there's fear among women who are infected because they don't know about the nature of HIV, they don't know what's happening to their bodies. Sometimes people's HIV status is like a weakness. In the prison culture that weakness will definitely be used against you.

It's all a matter of education. There are women in prison who don't know it's not a good thing to have a brown discharge coming out of their vagina. To a lot of people that seems very basic, but many of these women don't know.

All their lives they've gotten subpar health care. At a conference I was at, a woman spoke about rehabilitation. A lot of these women have not been habilitated in the first place. How can you rehabilitate somebody who's never been habilitated? We need to look at that and the fact that we send somebody to prison for three or 20 years and let them work in the auto shop, work here, work there, maybe learn some sort of skill. If they don't know how to live, what good is that? If they come out of prison thinking they're worthless, what good is that? It's no good. All these issues have do with why women are at risk for HIV and AIDS. These are cofactors: low self-esteem, emotional and mental problems.



SF AIDS Foundation caseworker Crystal Mason.
Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

A lot of the women I see at the AIDS Foundation are clinically depressed. It's hard to take care of business when you're clinically depressed. A great majority of women in prison today have been physically and sexually abused as children, and that abuse has continued as adults.

And it continues in prison.

If we could get education into the prisons, have a comprehensive way of educating people and making sure that everybody's getting the same information, if guards and prison administrations were part of ongoing training about HIV and AIDS, a lot of the fear, mean-spiritedness and shame would go away.

The system is really destructive of the self.

I was at work and a woman came in; she's a little frantic, she asks me for some help. She had just been released from prison with the clothes on her back—no money, no food, nothing. Luckily she was a client of ours before she went to prison, so she knew to come back.

What about the women who don't know about where to get services or what to do? They're not prepared to be let out. There's a very good chance they will have to commit a crime just to survive. Nobody's giving them information about where to go to get help, but they tell you where you can't go. There's a pre-release program in most prisons, but that's two months before you're released. It's not very comprehensive.

When women with HIV or AIDS are released from prison, I tell them to make sure to get a letter of diagnosis before being released or at least make sure it's written up in their release plan that they're HIV positive or have AIDS. That's very important, because in most cities you can't get a lot of services unless you have that medical diagnosis. If you don't have that letter of diagnosis, it takes anywhere from two to six weeks to get, which means that a woman may not be able to get services even if she knew where to go. So that's two to six weeks when she doesn't have any money or a place to live.

Do women have trouble getting that letter of diagnosis from prison?

Yes, they do.

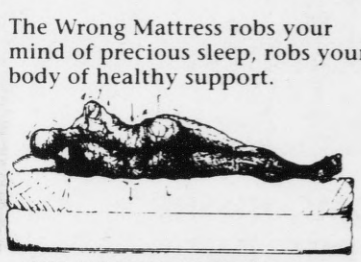
I could have guessed that.

At Chowchilla, the women say that it takes six weeks to get an appointment with the doctor. If you don't know you need a letter of diagnosis—which a lot of women don't—and maybe you find out right before you're gonna be released, you may not even get to see the man before that time. If you're the doctor, and you have all these people you're responsible for, you may not have time. And if the doctor doesn't know the importance of having this letter of diagnosis, he or she may not take the time. Lots of the women come out with no letter of diagnosis.

A lot of women don't know they can apply for Social Security while they're still in prison. But even if they know, who's gonna help them fill out the forms? Social Security is a very complicated process, but the prison says it's not their respon-

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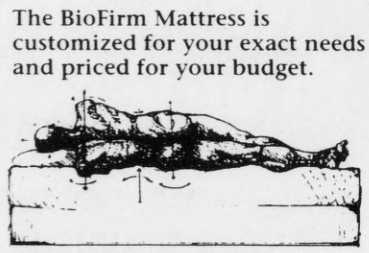
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sibility. They're asking these women to fill out the papers on their own. The women have to prove they can't work, and that's hard to do if you don't know the criteria for not being able to work. I've talked to some women who filled out the forms themselves and have been denied. If they had been helped by someone who was could advocate for them, they probably would have been approved.

So it's not even a case of writing down what's not true; it's just not knowing all the information to include so they can get what they deserve to get.

Exactly. And sometimes with Social Security it's just a matter of what terms you use, how you say things, how much. It's about giving them as much information as possible. Lots of times women on the inside don't have access to that information. They're not able to get ahold of their doctors to send records to Social Security; they're not able to have the doctor give them a comprehensive checkup. The only Infectious Disease Specialist is at CIW. At Stockton or CCWF (Central California Women's Facility), there's no infectious disease specialist.

Does a specialist travel to these prisons?

I know he goes to CCWF, but not often. He can't because CIW is the medical facility for women. Supposedly, they send all the prisoners with HIV or AIDS over there. There's at least three women in CCWF with under 100 T-cells, which is a diagnosis in anybody's book; these women aren't at CIW. There was one woman who died and was in her cell for three days.

How can that be?

Well, they check every couple of hours or so...

Yeah...

...but no one wanted to touch her. That's how it could be. Her trays were stacked up yea high (*motioning*), but no one wanted to touch her.

For awhile I was getting good reports out of CIW about Dr. Harrison, who's the Infectious Disease Specialist. The women seemed to be happy with him. I made contact with him. He was referring women to me. I informed him that the women needed letters of diagnosis and he seemed to understand the importance of that. He seemed like he was really concerned with the women. But that's not happening anymore. I sent him a letter a couple of weeks ago, and I haven't heard from him. In a way, it's not unusual, because that happens if you're busy, but he had been very responsive.

I wrote a letter to the doctor at CCWF. I called, told him who I was and where I was from; I told him I was interested to know what health services he gave to HIV-infected women. Were they getting regular PAP smears and gynecological care? What drugs was he giving them; did they have access to AZT and ddI? Was he giving them full blood workups so they would know where their T-cell counts were? His answer to me was, "Who complained about this, what's their name?" I told him I wasn't giving him anybody's name; it was that I'd talked to some women and they had some concerns. "Well, I can't talk to you; write me a letter." So I wrote him a letter. I never got a response.

I believe that this doctor at CCWF doesn't really know anything about HIV and AIDS in women. Unfortunately for women in prison, the doctor they got is the doctor they got. They can't go to another doctor.

It really astonishes me, because in prisons women are probably going to come from very high risk situations.

Exactly. Most of these women who are infected already were infected through IV drug use or being partners of IV drug users, and more women are being infected from heterosexual contact. And who is going to prison? Sixty percent of the women at CCWF are there for drug offenses.

All the health care is subpar no matter what you're sick with. With HIV and AIDS, just like on the outside, it just really shows the cracks in the system. We're going to come up with a standard of care and get that mandated for the CDoC. We'll have to be vigilant to be sure they're doing what they're supposed to do.

In real terms, the cost of keeping someone in prison is tremendous. The prison system in California is a $20-plus billion industry. The cost of imprisoning or hospitalizing someone with HIV or AIDS goes up even further. If you think about it in terms of money, it would cost us as a society less money if we educated these women, got them support and good health care. Preventive health care is cheaper in the long run than having someone get sick and need hospital care. When we consider the cost, we have to consider the cost of recidivism.

It perplexes me deeply when people talk about how expensive welfare is, or drug rehab programs. They put their full support behind the prison system, which costs two or three times more than if you were giving them services that would help them.

We know that drug treatment works; we know that prisons do not work, do not deter crime. In the last ten years the number of women being put in prison has jumped 275 percent. In California we spend more money on prisons than we do on schools. The largest PAC in California is prison guards. Why are legislators and politicians so hot on building prisons, putting people away and filling those prisons? In California, prisons are big business.

If we're gonna talk about money, we need to look at the effects of imprisoning these people and not doing anything for them. We need to look at how long we are willing to imprison people over and over again and not get any return on our dollars. If we're gonna look at this in a business sense, what business throws $20 billion at something without getting a return? If I was a CEO of a company and I spent billions of dollars and got no results, I'd be fired. The question to people on the outside is, do you think that you're getting your money's worth? The answer is no.

Is there anything you want to add?

I would like to remind people that these are human beings that we're talking about. These are human beings who deserve our care, compassion and help. It's not people asking for handouts. No one has the right to happiness, but everyone has the right to the opportunity to be happy. That's all I'm saying: women prisoners deserve that and they're not getting that.

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straight talk! by nan parks

I'm No Sexpert— But Susie Is

So I was having lunch with Kim Corsaro, the publisher of the *San Francisco Bay Times* (who took me to a charming little restaurant South of Market, as they say, and it was her treat even though I was the one who asked for a meeting with her, which was so nice! Thanks Kim!), and at the restaurant we ran into a friend of Kim's named Susie, who Kim told me later was just THE expert on lesbian sex and had even written books about it (which surprised me because she seemed so gracious and was there with her adorable little girl, and well just didn't seem like the "type" to be a sex expert, not that there's anything wrong with that, anyway!). So later it occurred to me that even though it's sort of an embarrassing subject, there ARE a few things I've sort of wondered about when it comes to lesbian sex, and of course all this would be too personal to ask my sister Carol, but Susie being an EXPERT on the subject, she must deal with it all the time and it wouldn't be at all embarrassing to ask HER questions, just like it's okay to go to the gynecologist once you get used to it.

So then I was having coffee with Lois (who I can talk to about ANYTHING), and Lois was doing her imitation of the coffee commercial where the gals remember their trip to Paris and try and think of the name of their favorite waiter—and then she noticed I wasn't paying attention (I was supposed to say "Jean Luc!" We do this every time we have coffee together), and I told her my idea, and she thought it was great, so we got out paper and made a list of questions about lesbian sex which will probably seem pretty silly to you folks (particularly you girls), but I'll tell you there are a lot of straight women out there who have a bit of curiosity, so anyway our list was as follows:

Nan: When one of you is making love to the other one (whatever it is that is being done), why isn't the one who is doing "it" bored, because presumably (although I may be wrong) that person isn't actually having anything "interesting" done to her?

Lois: Does "tribadism" really work? Is this a common lesbian sex practice? Can all women do it? (i.e., could women do it with guys?)

(I had never heard of "tribadism" but Lois had read about it somewhere and Lois is a lot more "hip" than I am anyway and once even reached "climax" in a plane during a patch of turbulence by leaning against the armrest or something—she tells everyone this story so I'm not breaching any confidences here.)

Nan: Do lesbians ever "pretend" to be satisfied when they're not? And if so, can another lesbian tell that her partner is not really "done" but is just pretending—(I'm curious because Carol says lesbians NEVER pretend that, and anyway if they tried the other lesbian would ALWAYS be able to tell, and I know quite a few women on my side of the fence who do it all the time although I personally haven't since the early days of my marriage and Doug is such a great guy anyway so that if I'm not completely "in the mood" sometime it's OK by him and his ego isn't bothered by it—anyway!)

Lois: Do you (Susie) think that a woman can be emotionally a lesbian but physically heterosexual? What could be done about that in your opinion?

Nan: What happens, in theory let's say, if one gal makes love to another one, and the other one—i.e., the one who was made love TO, is sort of "up in the clouds" afterwards—then does the one that just made love have to wait around until the other one has recovered? What if she's not feeling "that way" by then? It doesn't seem fair!

Lois: Do you (Susie) think that it's common for young women who are straight to experiment with lesbian sex—even though they're straight and may go on to raise families, etc.?

(I told Lois that I didn't think her questions were



Nan Parks.



Susie Bright.

really SEXUAL and reminded her we were consulting a SEX expert, but she said these questions were about SEXUALITY, and said she was sure Susie knew all about such things and would have an interesting perspective, and plus she didn't have any questions about SEX ACTS except for the first one because she had never done that—anyway!) ✿

Dear Nan: About Your Sister, Carol...

I hardly have time anymore to answer personal letters, but after getting your call this evening, I figured if my three-year-old can watch *Aladdin* without blinking for the 19th time, I can give you a few quick thoughts before I tuck her in bed and begin my usual routine of all-night, wall-to-wall, damn-the-torpedoes lesbian love-making.

I was interested in your questions about getting bored in bed, and faking it. I don't think particular sex acts are always the true barometer of whether you're having a good time. I've had my pussy eaten and almost fallen asleep sometimes, when I wasn't "in the mood," as you say. I've also been so excited I could hardly breathe when I've brought my lover off with some slow and constant deliberations.

When you give Doug, your husband, a blow-job, does he have to be actively touching you for you to get excited? I mean, you *do* go down on each other, right? Please get back to me on this.

I am certainly guilty of lying flat on my back in the "DO ME" position, but I am not entirely made of estrogen, and neither are you.

... Of course lesbians fake it! We're dykes, not Betazoids. I've certainly pushed lovers away when things just weren't panning out and let them think otherwise. The truth can be cruel, and is frequently denied.

Your sister Carol, who claims lesbians are exempt from this behavior, reminds me of a Carol *I* knew once—wouldn't it be amazing if it were the same one? The Carol *I* knew was so busy keeping up a public relations program in bed that I had my doubts that she could ever let down her guard enough to have an uninhibited orgasm. She TOLD me when she came, but I didn't quite believe her, even though she pushed my hand away and gave a little faux gasp.

I told her I didn't care whether she had come or not, I was still amusing myself. I tied her hands to my four-poster bed (I'm looking at your photograph right now, comparing your manicure to hers—it really is amazingly similar!), and put my most relentless vibrator on her clit. "Now don't come again, whatever you do," I told her. She bit into one of my down pillows, and when I saw the feathers come spewing out of her mouth, I very carefully unplugged and unbound her and sent her home in a cab.

On another subject... well, of course tribadism

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works! *Rub a dub dub any two in a tub* can get it on with a little friction, or as your friend Lois discovered, even alone with a nice piece of fequent flier furniture. Again, I must ask, don't you ever slide up and down on Dougie Daddy's knee, just for fun? Get back to me on this, too.

Now about this "emotional lesbian, sexual straight girl" crap: A heterosexual woman can certainly develop a taste for the gay aesthetic and even a queer sense of humor. Most of the ones I know are die-hard feminists. But if your emotions have anything to do with your pussy, you *cannot* want one thing in your heart and crave another in your clit. Most women I know who say they feel this way are (a) bisexual and (b) have not had any uninhibited lesbian sex lately, if at all. Grease them up and send them to the next Jill-Off party.

Lois' other question was about young women's sexual experiences. No one really knows how "common" it is for puberty-struck girls to have lesbian sex, but the term "experimental" is a rather heterosexist way to describe it. The first few years *any* person is sexually active, everything they do, with either sex, could be called "experimental." Or, you could call it living proof of something deeper. That same girl who played doctor in junior high may go on to a husband and family, and 20 years later meet an irresistible lesbian M.D. and run off to Fire Island with her. What kind of experiment do you call that?

I just have to ask you one more question about Carol. Maybe you could ask her and then let me know, discreetly of course. Next time you're having one of your famous sister-to-sister lunches, just lean over, real nonchalant-like, look her straight in the eye, and ask her, "Carol, honey, are you a butch bottom?" Then check for feathers.

Clits up!
Susie "Sexpert" Bright

Nan Replies:

I just wanted to add a big Thank You! to Susie for taking the time to answer our questions since I'm sure she's really busy with her books and sex things and not to mention being a full-time Mom which I'll tell you can take a lot more energy than sex sometimes!—at least for me—but I guess I'm not in a position to say that for Susie, am I? Anyway Susie sure gave Lois and I something to think about and GOODNESS! she didn't mince words did she! I must say I was a little taken aback by some of her anecdotes but then I thought about what the guys at Doug's office would think and I got a little chuckle (Hi guys! Still reading?). So anyway Lois read it over and over again and then she sighed and she said, "You know Nan, no one has ever made feathers spew out of my mouth" in sort of a sad voice, and I told her to show the article to Ted—why not!—and she said Ted couldn't do feathers if his life depended on it, and then she asked if I was going to "get back" to Susie on those questions and I said they were a bit too personal for a response in print but maybe I'd ask her out for coffee sometime and Lois said PLEASE to invite her too because now it seems she's dying to hear more "stories" from Susie! And anyway, I asked Carol if she was the one in the feather story (because you never know) and she said of course not, and then I asked her if she was a "butch bottom" (whatever that means), and she turned red and told me that "Straight Talk" and I had "gone too far."

Love,
Nan

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Diversity Without Apology: The 1993 OutWrite Conference

By Brent Calderwood

I attended OutWrite '93, held the weekend of Oct. 8-10 in Boston, to learn more about being a writer—which I did. I did not expect to have an epiphany, to learn to love myself, but I did. Ironically, I learned less about publishing and politics, than about the division of communities.

I had never been to any major city alone, nor had I been on an airplane for more than a few hours. My trip forced me to have faith in myself, my talents and my abilities. For one thing, I had to find a free place to stay once I got there. As an 18-year-old, I had to prove my respectability at the conference to adult writers who were sometimes helpful, more often apprehensive, and even condescending.

Only one of the 85 workshops and readings at OutWrite was dedicated to queer youth. This was not surprising, considering that approximately 20 people under 24 attended the conference out of almost 2,000 readers, writers, agents, editors, journalists, booksellers, librarians, publishers, and publicists gathered "to celebrate diversity, our history and our future."

These were the words of the Bromfield Street Education Foundation, presenters of OutWrite. I felt welcomed by OutWrite's enthusiastic incorporation of the word "queer," but I did not feel welcomed by everyone at OutWrite. "Queer" to me meant the inclusion and coming-together (conference) of different abilities, ages, races, and genders.

But integration is never as simple as a catchword or a token "Queer Youth" panel. Integration, like "queer," is an idea that conjures up painful memories and divides communities.

For myself, I realize that I must often separate myself from heterosexual society so my voice and vision do not become diluted, so I can deal with the mainstream in a more selfempowered, effective way. I think people forget that separatism is about building an identity so that we can eventually deal with other communities without losing ourselves. Yet we get so caught up in ourselves that we forget about others.

Craig Reynolds, who read from his work *The Road Before Us: 100 Gay Black Poets*, said, "The IRA has greater effect if it bombs London." As a white male, I learned to stop detonating bombs in my own private Ireland. I need to explore other genres; make waves in uncharted territories.

I went to Boston with an overwhelming feeling of white guilt, probably the most unhealthy emotion I have felt since my internalized homophobia in high school only two years ago.

Before I was out as queer, I was out as a writer. I wrote vehemently, prolifically, about racism and sexism, but never about homophobia. Although I could identify intuitively with the oppression of other groups, I couldn't write from my own experience. It was too dangerous.

Now that I had come out of one closet, I locked myself into another. Suddenly I was told that I could only write about the young, white, gay suburban male experience.

OutWrite shook me right out of it. The wonderfully diverse writers and thinkers I met at the conference helped me realize what an unhealthy emotion white guilt is. I was unshackled by queer Black writers, who explained that I am not responsible for slavery.

It saddens me that my ancestors were part of a system that enslaved people, and that most people who share my color do not always share my views. But it also saddens me that my other ancestors were burned at the stake as heretics, witches and sodomites. I hate Hitler, but his grandchildren could be my best friends.

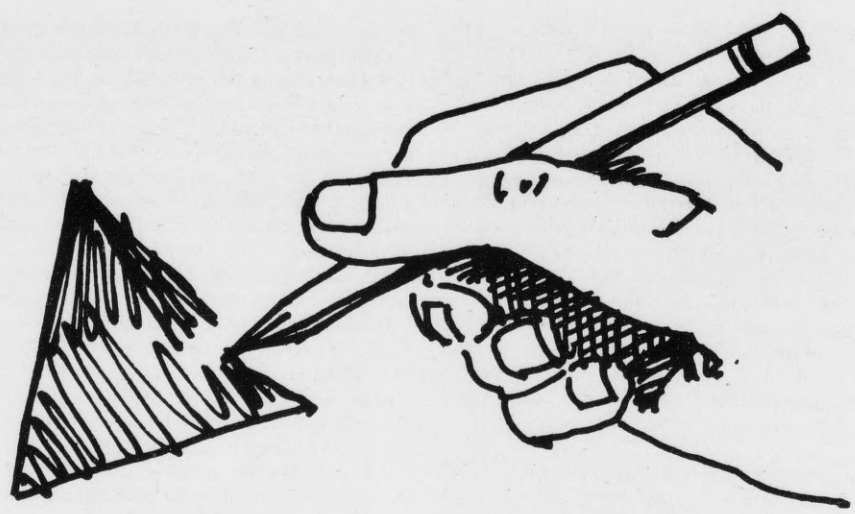


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I am part of a diverse community and a larger, ever-connecting world. I am far too loving and opinionated to limit myself for the sake of political correctness. As poet and activist Chrystos explained at OutWrite's opening plenary, "The notion of political correctness has been abused until our natural sense of justice has become lost in embarassment...We imitate the very people whose aim it is to eliminate us...We are trying to be accepted by the mainstream. I think they need to be accepted by us."

Chrystos speaks out not only as a lesbian but as an American Indian, with a Menominee father and Aisation mother. One could argue that her people have been oppressed in America more than any other group. Queers have the second highest teen suicide rate; still, we are "beat out" by teenage Native Americans, queer and non-queer. The seemingly "correct" title, Native Americans, alone implies a nation of people stripped of their land, and almost of their identities. Even so-called "educational" words are embedded in a system of prejudice. "Squaw," for example, is derived from the French fur-trappers' word for "vagina."

Even if all this seems horrible and dangerous, I would argue that it is more horrible and dangerous to attempt to create a hierarchy of oppression. Are Blacks more oppressed because of American slavery, or are Jews more oppressed because of the Holocaust? I have been told that as a white male, I cannot be discriminated against. Although I received death threats and harassment in high school for my homosexuality, the argument goes, I can still walk into a department store and not be followed around. (And God forbid a person should be female, queer and of color).

It is unfortunate that political and cultural division, in the queer community and elsewhere, leads us to fight for discrimination rather than against it.

It is not a consolation to me as a white male that I see my queer brothers and sisters of all colors being persecuted. I do not live in a monochromatic society. I am informed by its multicultural nature. My world is not my singular consciousness. Ironically, I need more courage now to write about racism in the queer community than I ever did to write about homophobia in the straight community.

I am glad my straight friends are supportive of my sexuality and defend my rights. Yet I cannot live my life to inform others. I must inform myself first, and hope others are informed in the process. I was inspired by poet Cheryl Clarke, who spoke on one panel, saying, "I applaud writers who share their struggle to deal with racism or racial faux pas."

I also found consolation in Lambda Literary Award-winner John Preston's speech at the opening plenary: "The least a writer can do for his community is embrace young writers...If we don't, we are leaving them vulnerable to the snakes of the would-be academy who would shut them up."

I hope to become a writer who reaches out to his fellow woman and man as these writers have. "We write because we must," Audre Lorde once said. It is my wish as a writer that "we" will one day include everybody, with all our strengths combined. ✿

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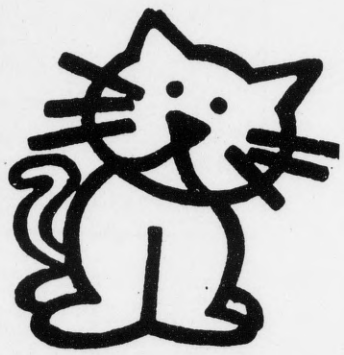
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Funeral March for Dyke AIDS Activist

SAN FRANCISCO - Hundreds of activists and supporters will take to the streets on Saturday, Oct. 23, to remember Joan Baker, a 26-year-old lesbian who succumbed to AIDS on Sept. 3 after a six-year struggle.

Activists will march from Dolores Park to the corner of Market and Castro, where a speakout will be held, featuring Baker's lover Jenn Maeder, a representative from the Department of Health, two lesbians living with AIDS, and the HIV director from Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Organizers of the march, which is sponsored by a coalition of groups including the Lesbian Avengers, ACT UP San Francisco, ACT UP Golden Gate, Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services and Women Organized to Respond to Life-Threatening Diseases, hope to shatter the myth that women who have sex with women can't contract HIV/AIDS, a notion they say is widespread among lesbian and bisexual women.

"The lesbian community is by no means immune, and we may very well be on the brink of seeing the epidemic within our own community," says Naomi Prochovnick, an HIV counselor at Lyon-Martin. "Any time HIV has entered a community, it's entered small. And it's never stayed that way."

Lesbian Mother Gets Temporary Custody

WATERBURY - Lesbian mothers are all the rage in the news these days. In this Connecticut town, a lesbian mom was given temporary custody of her 9-year-old daughter after she discovered lice in the girl's hair and sued her ex-hubbie.

The Superior Court will determine whether the girl will remain with her mother permanently. During a recent court hearing, the child's father said his ex-wife's lesbian relationship will pose a threat to the child, since—are you ready for this?—mom's lover might be attracted to the girl.

To help Judge Joseph H. Pellegrino decide what the child's fate will be, a study is being conducted on the best course for the little girl. While the child loves her dad, she "wants to live with her mom," according to attorney Bruce Diamond.

Scondras Calls Made Public

BOSTON - Calls that gay City Councilmember David Scondras made to 911 while on painkillers and recovering from alcoholism have somehow been made public.

Scondras, who has served on the council for ten years, is facing a tough re-election campaign against businessman Thomas Keane. The tapes were passed on to Howie Carr, a columnist for the *Boston Herald* and a talk show host on a local station.

On the tapes, Scondras, who is slurring, asks to be put through to police officials because a department representative made anti-gay remarks to him.

Police are not sure how copies of the tapes got leaked to the press.

STH Editor Boyd McDonald Dies

NEW YORK CITY - Boyd McDonald, one of the most popular gay writers and editors of his time, died Sept. 16 in his home in the Big Apple of lung cancer and emphysema.

Born in South Dakota in 1925, McDonald led a varied and mainstream life that included working for *Time* magazine, IBM and several Wall Street firms, before turning to editing and writing books about gay sex. In the '70s, McDonald published *Straight to Hell* (STH), a.k.a. the *Manhattan Review of Unnatural Acts*, perhaps the country's most popular gay smut.

STH begat 12 books, including *Meat, Flesh, Smut, Filth, Wads, Juice, Sex* and *Cream*. The latest in the series, *Scum*, will be published posthumously. McDonald finished editing it two months before his death.

While most people consider McDonald's works pornographic, the editor himself was wont to call them history. "I consider these books the true history of homosexual desire and experience," he told the *Guide* in 1987.

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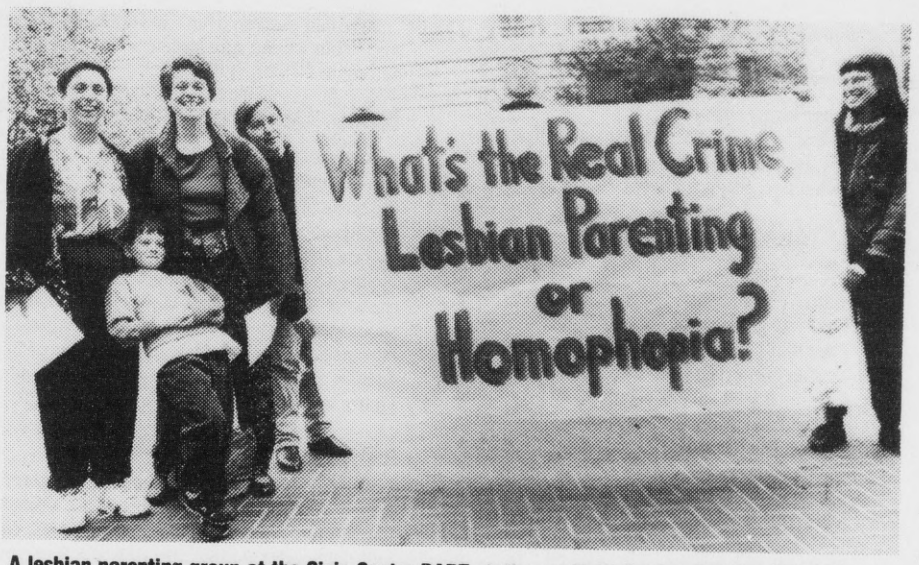
WASHINGTON - Pentagon spokesperson Kathleen deLaski says it's "fairly likely" that a recent court ruling in favor of sexual diversity will be appealed to the Supreme Court. The Pentagon has delayed enforcement of Clinton's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy which would allow gays & lesbians into the military as long as they don't reveal or practice their homosexuality, until Congress and the courts had dealt with the issue.

Congress is currently considering a legislative version of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." The court decision ordering the Pentagon to stop discriminating against gays/lesbians/bisexuals by U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter Jr. of Los Angeles came in the case of Navyman Keith Meinhold, who was discharged for being gay.

The Pentagon is currently following Clinton's January order to stop asking recruits whether they are queer.

Meanwhile, a federal judge in Kansas City, Kans., while upholding the discharge of Maj.

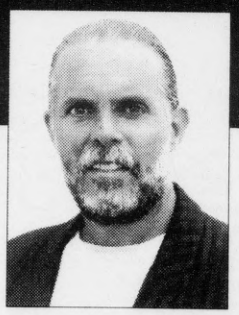
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A lesbian parenting group at the Civic Center BART station on Nat'l Coming Out Day (Oct. 11). Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

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Joyce L. Walmer on the grounds that she is a lesbian, also delayed enforcement of the ruling to give her time to appeal.

Walmer was discharged after a woman with whom she had a ten-year relationship told the Army what was going on between them.

The Mess in Oregon

EUGENE - The fighting in Oregon over anti-gay initiatives passed by the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) just gets messier and messier.

The OCA passed several initiatives on the local level after failing last year to pass a statewide anti-gay-rights law. That law would have prohibited cities and counties from passing gay rights measures. But the state legislature approved a law protecting gay rights, a move being challenged in court by the homophobes at the OCA.

Now, the American Civil Liberties Union has gone to court to stop an anti-gay initiative recently passed by voters in Creswell. The City Council in that town has already nixed enforcing the amendment anyway.

Meanwhile, voters in both Oregon City and Keizer will be deciding on the fate of OCA-backed anti-gay-rights initiatives in their towns. Stay tuned.

To Belong or Not to Belong

SAN DIEGO - In the aftermath of an indecisive vote at a recent convention, members of the California Judges Association will decide by mail vote whether to change the California Code of Judicial Conduct to prohibit judges from joining homophobic organizations.

The code currently stops judges from being members of organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin. Violations of the code can result in removal from the bench.

Arguments run this way: On one side, Judge John Farrell says the change would interfere with the right to free speech and association, while on the other side, gay Judge Stephen Lachs says the change promotes perceptions of fairness.

"We can't search what's in your heart," Lachs said, "but we can sure look at what [groups] you belong to."

Mass. Considers Gay School Bill

BOSTON - If a bill before the state Legislature passes, schools will not be able to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. That means they would probably have to stop anti-gay harassment at their institutions.

Says Lt. Gov. Paul Cellucci, who supports the measure, "The concept of schools as safe havens should apply to all students, including gay and lesbian students." Gov. William Weld has promised his signature on the measure, which passed the House and is awaiting a vote in the Senate.

Like Father, Like Daughter

BOULDER - Nikola Trumbo, the daughter of famed author Dalton Trumbo, who wrote the bestselling anti-war novel *Johnny Got His Gun*, will not appear at the dedication of a fountain in her father's honor at the University of Colorado.

Nikola, who is an out lesbian, is boycotting Colorado because of the passage last November of Amendment 2, which prohibits any gay rights laws from being enacted in any city or county.

Dalton Trumbo was blacklisted in 1948 because of "communist" activities. Trumbo's widow and Kirk Douglass, who helped break the blacklist against the writer, will attend the dedication.

Meanwhile, the man who spearheaded the Amendment 2 campaign, Will Perkins, testified Oct. 16 before the appeals court that he was not trying to deny gays/lesbians their civil rights. Amendment 2 is being attacked by gay and pro-gay groups on the grounds that it is unconstitutional.

Perkins said that "How you have sex is not an appropriate criterion for civil rights." The appeals process is expected to last two weeks.

Finally, a massive civil rights rally was held in Colorado Springs on Oct. 3, featuring Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the Farm Workers of America; Hamzi Moghrabi, regional president of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination League;



GAPA's homecoming party on Oct. 17: Mr. & Mrs. GAPA and two homecoming queen contestants.

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and Marge Taniwaki, Japanese-American political activist, among others. Queers were well-represented at the rally.

ACT UP Wants Prisons Investigated

SAN FRANCISCO - The Prisons Issues Committee of ACT UP San Francisco is demanding an investigation of the intolerable conditions for California prisoners with AIDS and HIV.

These "intolerable conditions" include women at Central California Women's Facility at Chowchilla being denied adequate medical care; and the state's refusal to allow terminally ill prisoners to die with dignity outside of prison.

ACT UP held a press conference on Oct. 15 to call attention to this demand for an investigation.

Meanwhile, ACT UP/Washington held a Coming Out Day march to the White House on Oct. 11 to demand that President Bill Clinton fulfill his campaign commitments and take a leadership role in combating the AIDS epidemic. Protesters also demanded a single-payer, single-tier universal health care plan for national health reform.

Protest Clinton's War

SAN FRANCISCO - With his latest policy on Somalia, President Bill Clinton recently brought back the ghost of Richard Nixon, who in 1969 pledged that the U.S. would withdraw from Vietnam only "with honor."

Demanding an end to the "racist war in Somalia," the International Action Center on Oct. 28 will join the International Days of Protest against Clinton's war with a public meeting at 7 pm at the Third Baptist Church, on Pierce and McAllister. The rally will feature a video of a recent Somalia demonstration in New York with Ramsey Clark, former U.S. attorney general, and Filson Darman, of the Somali Association of Women & Children.

"This is Vietnam all over again," said John-

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Catholic Charities to Operate Beds

SAN FRANCISCO - Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco has been selected by the Department of Public Health (DPH) to operate a 64-bed residential program for people with HIV/AIDS.

Although the formal contract has not been signed, representatives for both outfits are confident the papers will be signed, sealed and delivered in time for Halloween. Mitch Katz, M.D., director of the DPH AIDS Office, says, "We are pleased that Catholic Charities has committed to become the new service provider operating the HIV/AIDS residential program formerly known as Shanti House."

Katz says the organization has "substantial experience" in providing residential services including to those with AIDS.

A Drag King Thang

SAN FRANCISCO - Drag kings will be out in full force on Oct. 30, starting at 7:30 pm, but not just to celebrate Halloween.

La Pena Cultural Center in Berkeley will host the second annual drag king event, sponsored by *Ache* and 2 Nasty Girls. The evening features slides, drama, strippers, and a drag king contest followed by a dance party. Four categories are included in the contest: Leather Daddy, Fashion King, Uniform Man and Street Wear Guy.

Cost is $9-15, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Campaign to Feed PWAs

SAN FRANCISCO - On Oct. 16, World Food Day, Project Open Hand, along with Bay Area supermarkets and Food for All, kicked off a campaign to help combat hunger and malnutrition locally.

Shoppers at San Francisco branches of Cala/Bell, Lucky or Petrini's supermarkets can fill their shopping carts and satisfy their consciences by helping bring dinner home to a neighbor with HIV or AIDS. Through December, red, blue and green donation cards can be purchased along with the family staples at the checkout in denominations of $.50, $1.00 and $5.00. Proceeds from the cards will go directly to help Project Open Hand provide meals to PWAs.

World Food Day was designated by the United Nations to heighten awareness of the hunger crisis across the globe.

Program for Immigrant Rape Survivors

SAN FRANCISCO - San Francisco Women Organized Against Rape (SFWAR) is launching an innovative program to serve immigrant survivors of sexual assault.

The Multilingual Access Model program is a pioneer project in the rape crisis movement that targets the Asian and Spanish-speaking immigrant communities. It is designed so that immigrant survivors of rape can receive services from trained members of their own communities.

"Every day legal and illegal immigrants face subtle and gross prejudice based on citizenship, race and ethnic background, class and language fluency," says Andrea Calderon, direct services coordinator at SFWAR.

The SFWAR model is based on a program developed by the Asian Women's Shelter, a pioneer battered women's shelter run by and for Asian women. In adapting this model, SFWAR trained a pool of bilingual women advocates from Asian and Latino communities, many of them also immigrants and survivors.

SFWAR can be contacted at (415) 861-2024.

Bits & Pieces I: Local

• The East Bay Advertising and Marketing Association is hosting its 11th annual Media/Merchandise Benefit Auction at the Claremont Resort Hotel in Oakland, Nov. 4, at 5:30 pm. Proceeds will benefit the East Bay AIDS Center and the Association's club activities. Admission with advance reservations is $30. Call (510) 658-4883 for info or reservations.

• The Laura Venable Memorial Fund has been established through Battered Women's Alternatives to provide support services, education and outreach to lesbians in abusive relationships. Send donations to: Battered Women's Alternatives, c/o Laura Venable Memorial Fund, Box 6406, Concord, CA 94524. Phone (510) 676-2845 for more info.

• The Sixth National AIDS Update Conference is taking place in San Francisco Oct. 19-23, with its theme, "Learning from the Past, Focusing on the Future." Speakers at the event at the Civic Center Auditorium include Kristine Gebbie, the nation's AIDS policy coordinator. For info, call (415) 255-1297.

• San Francisco Board of Supervisors President Angela Alioto has appointed 15 members to the HIV Youth Advisory Committee, charged with addressing issues affecting HIV-infected and at-risk youth. The 15 represent the ethnic, racial, gender, age and sexual orientation diversity of the city.

• Something that will come as no surprise to readers of this newspaper: Psychologists at the University of California at Davis in the latest issue of *The Journal of Sex Research* say that heterosexuals who know a lesbian or gay man personally are more likely than others to hold favorable attitudes toward gays in general. The results are based on a nationwide telephone survey.

• Gloria J. Sandoval, executive director of the Rape Crisis Center in San Pablo for the past 14 years, has been appointed the Shanti Project's new director, effective Nov. 15.

• A new homicide study that examines every solved homicide case in San Francisco during 1991 and 1992 confirms that domestic violence is the leading cause of murder. The study further states that violence inflicted by husbands, boyfriends and family members is the leading cause of death for women in San Francisco. These facts were announced at a press conference Oct. 14 sponsored by the SF Commission on the Status of Women.

• Eros, the Center for Safe Sex, is requesting proposals by San Francisco nonprofit community-based organizations to present classes, workshops, support groups or other educational forums in its Market Street facility. Approved groups will be granted use of the Eros space free of charge. Proposals must be submitted by Nov. 30, and be no more than three pages in length. For more info, contact Buzz Bense, (415) 255-4921.

• Poets, singers, dancers and speakers from diverse Bay Area communities will share the stage on Oct. 30 at 7:30 pm in a multicultural tribute to the Haitian people. The event will be held at Martin Luther King Jr. High School at 1781 Rose

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St. in Berkeley. The date was meant to coincide with the return to Haiti of democratically elected president Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Tickets are $7-25, with proceeds going to grassroots organizations inside Haiti. For more info, call (415) 864-4561.

• Correction: Apologies to Nancy A. Corporon, who was identified in our last issue as a volunteer for the San Francisco Band Foundation in a piece about nonprofits receiving funds from Wells Fargo Bank. She is actually the artistic director of the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band.

Bits & Pieces II: National

• The National Center for Lesbian Rights, which was founded in San Francisco, opened its New York City office recently. The director of that office is Paula Ettelbrick, the former legal director at the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

• A University of Wisconsin-La Crosse task force recently made 60 recommendations concerning gays/lesbians/bisexuals on campus, including staff and student workshops to promote tolerance, the appointment of a queer liaison for the campus community, and the establishment of a university committee to address queer issues.

• The Los Angeles Police Department is stepping up its effort to recruit gays/lesbians onto the force. Says Dan Watson, head of personnel for the LAPD, "The department wants to reflect the diversity of this city. We want to be sure we are opening the doors to all groups of people." Among those helping in the drive is officer Lisa Phillips, an out lesbian. A press conference was held on National Coming Out Day, Oct. 11, at the L.A. Lesbian and Gay Services Center to promote the drive.

• The city of Austin, Texas, is now offering domestic partners benefits to city employees, thanks to a new law passed by the City Council last month. About a dozen couples signed up on the first day the new policy went into effect.

• The Bundys' neighbor is a dyke. Amanda Bearse, who plays Al and Peg Bundy's pesky neighbor on the hit Fox show "Married With Children" came out on National Coming Out Day in Los Angeles. "There I was, staring at my wardrobe, totally uninspired," she joked. "Then I said to myself, 'Amanda, come out of the closet.'" And we're glad she did.

• The Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Alabama is planning to push a hate crimes bill in the state Legislature next year that includes increased prison terms for crimes against persons because of their race, religion or sexual orientation. But the Birmingham-based chapter of Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum says it will fight the gay effort.

• The Fairfax County (Virginia) Library Board of Trustees will have its way: the Washington-based *Blade*, a gay newspaper, will remain in its 22 libraries. The county's supervisors voted recently to abolish the board if it didn't remove the paper. But the board stuck to its guns, and the supervisors discovered they didn't have the authority to oust the trustees. Now the supervisors say they want the paper kept out of the reach of children.

• The New York Lesbian Avengers picketed the New York State School Board Association in protest of that group's invitation to the Rev. Pat Robertson to speak at its annual conference Oct. 15. Association Director Louis Grumet says that workshops were held on alternative lifestyles during the four-day event. He added that the group may invite queers to address future conventions. How generous.

• In Salisbury, Md., the library board voted to keep four gay children's books on the shelves of Wicomico County Free Library. The books are: *Heather Has Two Mommies*, *Daddy's Roommate*, *The Daddy Machine* and *The Duke Who Outlawed Jelly Beans*.

• A bearded man in a dress who calls himself "Pearl" carried a sign with the word "Ptui" to the Oklahoma City Council to protest its rejection of a human rights bill that protected queers,



"Strike on 21," a bowling and casino event held on Oct. 7, nets $6,200 for two AIDS charities. Photo by Rink

the aged, the disabled and the single. "I need job protection," says the man who performs as Pollyanna Peters.

• In Bloomfield, N.M., another attempt to pass a gay-rights measure is in the works. This time, it's in the form of a directive to the state to begin collecting data on anti-gay discrimination. If passed, the data would be reported to the Legislature in 1995, countering the argument against the defeated gay rights bill that anti-gay discrimination does not exist.

• This November is another important time for queers to fill the voting booths: Attempts to defeat gay-rights bills are on the ballots in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Lewiston, Maine. In New Hampshire, voters are being queried on whether they support a gay rights measure rejected by the Legislature. The former mayor of Lewiston, Lillian Caron-O'Brien, says that the police chief., Laurent F. Gilbert Sr., should be muzzled because of his pro-gay-rights stance. She's a leader in the repeal effort. Gilbert has agreed not to do his pro-gay-rights work on city time.

• Retired Episcopal Bishop Otis Charles of Utah says he is moving to San Francisco because he is gay and wants to join the city's queer community. The 67-year-old grandfather says, "I will not remain silent, invisible, unknown. The choice for me is not whether or not I am a gay man, but whether or not I am honest about who I am with myself and others." Charles was head of the Utah diocese from 1971-86.

• The Georgia Society of Association Executives will hold its two-day convention in Cobb County, where commissioners recently passed a resolution condemning the "gay lifestyle." The group originally cancelled, then changed its mind because a lot of members objected to moving the meeting. A spokesperson for the organization says the group changed its mind not because of political considerations, but in "the best interests of the membership."

• Radical Women has embarked on an international speaking tour to publicize the findings from its recent trip to Eastern Europe, the Balkans and Russia. Representatives will arrive in San Francisco on Nov. 6. During their nine-week tour, members of the group contacted many women, gays and lesbians, radicals, trade unionists, Romanies (gypsies), anti-Nazi organizers and scholars. Call (415) 864-1278 for details of the SF speaking engagement.

• This year's Creating Change Conference, sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, will take place Nov. 10-14 at the Omni Durham Hotel and Convention Center in Durham, N.C. More than 35 skill-building workshops will be featured. For more info, call NGLTF at (202) 332-6483.

• A Chapel Hill, N.C. high school English teacher had the sexual orientation portion of his diversity curriculum suspended by the principal because at least two of the 200 books on his gay/lesbian list contain what one parent complained is graphic descriptions of queer sex. The books are *The Gay Fireside Companion* by Leigh Rutledge and *In Her Day* by Rita Mae Brown. Students are not required to read the books on the suggested list in David Bruton's multicultural

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reading project. Seven students are enrolled in the sexual orientation portion of that project.

• Aries, a nationwide HIV-prevention phone counseling service, will take its last calls from gay/bisexual men through the month of October. Due to fixed funding, the agency can only enroll men for the next week and a half. Call toll-free, (800) 999-7511. Aries offers 14 weeks of free group counseling about safe sex over the phone.

• The Gay/Lesbian Task Force of the American Library Association is calling for nominations for its 1994 Lesbian/Gay Book Awards. To be eligible, a book must have been published in 1993. Send nominations to: Ellen Greenblatt, Central Technical Services, Lockwood Library, SUNY Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14260-2200. Fox number is (716) 645-5955.

• The Women's Equity Mutual Fund, launched to invest in companies that advance women economically, says that ten U.S. corporations meet its benchmarks. They are: Advanced Tissue Sciences, Avon, Corestates Financial Corp., Edmark, Federal National Mortgage Corp., Gannett Co., Lillian Vernon Corp., Piper Jaffray Companies, Scholastic, Inc., and UNUM Corp.

• The Federal Trade Commission has charged in federal district court that Mary L. Redhead of Yelm, Wash., and Thelma M. Magno of Portland, Ore., falsely promoted "Imuno-Plex," an algae-based food supplement, as a treatment or cure for AIDS. The FTC alleges the defendants advertised in gay papers in San Francisco and New York and processed telephone orders resulting from the ads.

• A joint House-Senate Conference Committee approved large increases in AIDS funding through the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill for 1994. If both houses of Congress aye the bill and the president signs it, it will provide $2.5 billion for AIDS-related activities, an increase of $500 million over 1993 funding levels.

• "See Cuba for yourself," the poster says, advertising a women's delegation to the island nation Dec. 17-26 with author and activist Margaret Randall. Cost of the trip is $1200. A limited number of scholarships are available. For info, contact Global Exchange, (415) 255-7296.



Jim Mayo is the new HRC commissioner, replacing Eugene Lumpkin. Photo by Rink

• The Stadlanders Foundation in Pittsburgh, Pa., will launch the creation of "Raise the Rainbow," a project that will create the world's largest rainbow flag during the June 26, 1994, Stonewall 25 International March on the U.N. The giant flag will raise money for AIDS charities nationwide. About 10,000 marchers are needed to carry the flag. To register for this task, donate $50 or more to the foundation. The first 10,000 get the honor. The foundation can be reached at 600 Penn Center Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15235, (412) 825-8105.

• Curtis F. Shepard has been appointed to head the newly created National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Campus Project, which is designed to foster gay/lesbian organizing and activism on college campuses. The project will operate out of Los Angeles.

• The first issue of *TransSisters*, the journal of transsexual feminism, is out. The magazine provides a forum for issues concerned with both transsexualism and feminism and to promote dialogue between the transsexual and feminist communities. Yearly subscriptions are available for $24 from Davina Anne Gabriel, 4004 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO 64110. Checks should be payable to Gabriel.

• Look for queer comics Lea DeLaria, Suzanne Westenhoeffer and Frank Maya on ABC's *Day One* news magazine, Monday, Oct. 25.

Bits & Pieces III: International

• A report from the Associated Press characterizes Jamaica as a hotbed for homophobia in the Caribbean. It recounts several examples of recent gay-bashings. It also says reggae rappers often use homophobic lyrics to stir up audiences, and that teens with weapons descended upon a park in Kingston where a reputed gay rights rally was to be held. Larry Chang, an out queer restaurant owner and former secretary of the island's defunct gay rights group, says he has lost jobs, been harassed on the street, and shunned by his neighbors. A psychiatrist and a spokesperson for the Tourist Board says Jamaica is where the U.S. was 15 or 20 years ago.

• A large gathering of lesbians took place in Sydney, Australia, on Oct. 8 to bring attention to a project to establish the world's first lesbian-owned, inner-city community center. An even bigger Dec. 10 lesbian concert will be held to raise more of the funds needed for this project. If the target goal of $250,000 is reached by then, the project goes ahead. If not, the money is returned, say organizers.

• According to a report from the *Bangkok Post*, lesbianism is spreading in the prisons in China. Women, it says, are sneaking away to have sex in various places in prisons, including the showers. An inmate, quoted in a Chinese newspaper, said, "When I first came to prison I heard that two women could sexually satisfy each other, and I started looking for a lover."

• Also from the *Bangkok Post*: First prize in the HK Polytechnic Institute's application design awards went to three students who designed "A Business Plan for Establishment of a Lesbian Clubhouse in Lan Kwai Fong." While the paper didn't know what the clubhouse was, it said that knowing Hong Kong people feel "those poor lesbians have had such problems in Beirut, they really need a good place to hang out."

• The Council of Europe is recommending that Romania become a member, but urged the country to real its anti-gay laws. Those laws include sodomy statutes. The arrest and torture of gay Romanians was another issue discussed at the council.

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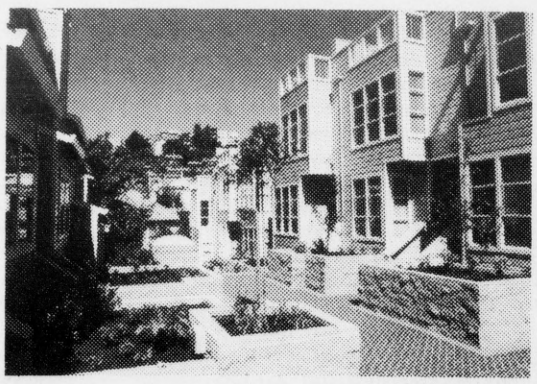


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SF Vaccine Conference Clouded by Doubt

by Dave Gilden

The First International Conference on Engineered Vaccines for Cancer and AIDS, held in San Francisco at the beginning of October, was a study in contrasts. On the one hand, increasing skills in genetic engineering allow complex manipulations of microorganisms that result in a wide array of immune-stimulating products. On the other, there was no agreement on how to choose the promising HIV-vaccine strategies from among this wide array. Both types of anti-HIV vaccines, preventive and therapeutic, were under consideration. A preventive vaccine would protect people from becoming infected, whereas a therapeutic vaccine would enhance the immune response of those already living with HIV.

The disagreements did not prevent polio vaccine discoverer Jonas Salk, M.D., from delivering an impassioned plea for rapid progress. Addressing representatives of the various vaccine developers, Salk said, "We risk investigating to exhaustion. People in need are waiting impatiently. The time has come to move forward. We need to decide now to do something cooperatively."

Salk appeared with a group from the Immune Response Corporation of San Diego, which is investigating his therapeutic vaccine concept. In theory, by inoculating with virus particles that have been both killed and stripped of their outer coat, the vaccine would stimulate an immune response to HIV's inner protein appearing on the surface of HIV-infected cells. This therapeutic vaccine has been in human trials since 1987.

The notion of a therapeutic vaccine has always been saddled with doubts. Unfortunately, Salk's presentation of his data early in the conference was not clear-cut enough to dispel those doubts and demonstrate that we have "enough clues and indications to go forward," as he put it.

In the hallways, Salk privately commented to us that his talk at the conference was, in part, an attempt to reverse the poor impression his associates made earlier this year at Berlin's Ninth International Conference on AIDS.

Once again, though, obscure slides slipped by one after another, purporting to show that "responders" to the vaccine did better than "nonresponders." Responders are those who develop skin reactions when HIV proteins are applied in a manner similar to a TB skin test. The percent responding seems to increase with higher doses of inoculant. Responders fared better than nonresponders, in that they had slightly higher CD4 levels, fewer clinical symptoms, slight weight increases, and, for some people, reduced HIV levels in the blood.

When asked by this writer if his slides were available in some form that allowed more thorough review, Dr. Salk demurred, saying the data were very preliminary. He then grew philosophical: "But this is just information. What is important is the knowledge. Tell your readers the knowledge is there. We know how to make an effective vaccine."

Is that knowledge really there? Another conference speaker, Robert Schooley, M.D., of the University of Colorado, reviewed research on therapeutic vaccines and made it clear there are still plenty of gaps. "Why should this approach work?" Schooley asked, noting that the amount of HIV envelope protein constantly present in the blood is frequently 100 to 1,000 times greater than the amount in any vaccine now being injected at periodic intervals during treatment trials. Vaccine-induced reductions in HIV have not been definitely established. Also, no one knows whether HIV can mutate to escape the protective antibodies engendered by the vaccine. HIV certainly escapes the defenses the body naturally sets up against the virus.

Although Salk's colleagues have been testing their vaccine for six years, they have been unable to resolve such doubts. Dr. Schooley noted a fundamental problem when comparing therapeutic vaccine responders to nonresponders, as the Salk group and other vaccine developers are doing. If responders, that is, those who broaden their anti-HIV immune activity after vaccination, tend to stay healthier longer than nonresponders, maybe it is because their immune systems were superior in the first place. That is what enabled them to be responders.

The data, therefore, may merely reflect the natural variation in response to HIV—some people progress faster than others to AIDS — rather than show that the vaccinations produce any benefit. The controversy over results from Army researchers' trials of the therapeutic vaccine developed by MicroGeneSys Corp. of Meriden, Conn., reflects this uncertainty.

Quick, definitive documentation of a vaccine's benefit requires an accepted way to evaluate changes in immunity triggered by vaccines. The lack of consensus continues, though, for preventive as well as for therapeutic vaccines. Dr. Salk acknowledged at the conference that "the correlates of immunity question is holding the effort up. The moment we have something to measure, the game's over." Trials could proceed rapidly and decisively by tracking accepted signs of immune improvement.

Dr. Salk thinks that cell-mediated immunity — as signified by his skin test for response to HIV antigens — is the appropriate standard (in addition to T-helper cell count, weight gain and clinical symptoms). The killer lymphocytes associated with cell-mediated immunity specialize in destroying cells infected by virus. Salk does not think a vaccine can completely prevent HIV transmission from person to person. Rather, cell-mediated immunity must be primed to immediately isolate the virus contained within cells and snuff out an incipient infection. In a sense, preventive and therapeutic vaccines have a similar role — controlling HIV after it has already entered the body — although the timing is different.

But in a presentation at the conference, Susan Zolla-Pazner, M.D., of New York University, indicated that antibodies are important, too. "Antibodies play a major role in preventing viral infection," she said. "They play a minor role in controlling infection."

Dr. Zolla-Pazner's research concerns monoclonal antibodies, which are laboratory products containing a single specific antibody. She found an antibody that seems to neutralize all HIV strains common in North America and Europe (including wild strains, not just laboratory isolates). The antibody reacts to a section of the V3 loop on HIV's envelope molecule (gp120). The V3 loop is a part of the virus that is "out there waving in the breeze," as Dr. Zolla-Pazner describes it. It is easily accessible to antibody recognition and attack. Researchers now plan to try out monoclonal antibodies as a means of preventing HIV transmission during a few special circumstances — in babies, to prevent transmission from HIV-infected mothers at birth, and then in health-care workers exposed to HIV through accidents on the job. A cocktail of these antibodies may also be useful as a treatment, Dr. Zolla-Pazner noted.

Another conference participant, Ron Desrosiers, Ph.D., described a novel approach to a vaccine for preventing SIV, the monkey version of HIV. He told *AIDS Treatment News*, "We tried protecting monkeys from SIV with altered vaccinia virus plus subunit booster [genetically engineered smallpox-vaccine virus containing SIV coat proteins plus later inoculations of pure SIV protein fragments]. It resulted in great antibody production, but the protection was minimal. So we started out on a new strategy."

Dr. Desrosiers' new strategy—to inject a live, but weakened SIV strain—in actually standard for vaccines in other diseases. The SIV was weakened by deleting its "nef" gene, whose function is poorly understood. The attenuated virus produced an extremely low-level, benign, persistent infection instead of a rapidly fatal one. The vaccine's effectiveness was tested in four monkeys more than two years after vaccination, and completely protected against two closely related SIV strains. Dr. Desrosiers is now experimenting with SIV strains weakened by removing three to five minor genes including nef. Last month, his team started an experiment in chimpanzees using a multiply deleted version of HIV.

"All the [existing] HIV vaccines have been tested only under idealized conditions," Dr. Desrosiers said. "It's likely they will fail in the field. We need to gather some basic safety data on our type of vaccine in humans now."

Linda Gritz, Ph.D., of the Therion Biologics Corporation in Cambridge, Mass., reports that her company has licensed Desrosiers' method and is considering doing just that. "But we hope we don't have to, that one of the other vaccines we're trying works," she told *ATN*. "There are tremendous fears about using a live, attenuated HIV vaccine on uninfected people. It could take us 20 years to tell whether we're using a strain of HIV that produces no disease progression or only slow progression."

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Gritz mentioned that Therion is also considering testing a gene-deleted HIV vaccine for treatment purposes.

Because of all the doubts, Patricia Fast, M.D., Ph.D., who helps direct AIDS vaccine development at the National Institutes of Health, told the conference, "It is unlikely we have the perfect vaccine but we will continue to push on with every strategy." Her colleague, Dale S. Lawrence, M.D., M.P.H., outlined the reasons for moving quickly to efficacy trials: Vaccines represent an "exquisite weapon" compared to the "sandbag protection" we now have against HIV.

Lawrence envisions trials requiring thousands of volunteers. He would be happy to get a 60 percent reduction in HIV transmission with the present crop of vaccines. For the volunteers who might later become infected with HIV, despite having received the vaccine — and there are already rumors of one such failure in a small preliminary trial — Lawrence foresees a prolonged period of follow-up to determine whether the vaccine slowed down or enhanced disease progression.

The community of course desperately needs new forms of HIV treatment and prevention. Community support will be essential for large trials, including the mass testing of therapeutic vaccines now under consideration by the Army (see below, and see *AIDS Treatment News* #184). It is also important not to squander the community's trust by rushing into mass testing too early, with crudely conceived vaccines that still resemble "sandbags" more than "exquisite weapons." Loss of public confidence due to the inevitable failures will make it all the more difficult to test more promising vaccines in the future.

"Bring Out Your Dead" Political Funeral

A political funeral/demonstration against inadequate AIDS funding in California is being organized by ACT UP chapters in California. The main event will occur Friday, Oct. 29, at noon at the State Capitol. State AIDS programs have remained flat or decreased, while the case load has continued to grow.

The demonstration is planned in conjunction with Halloween and the Day of the Dead, and will target the State AIDS budget disaster. ACT UP plans on marching through Sacramento and eulogizing people who have died of AIDS at the State Capitol steps. Ghoulish costumes and visuals are encouraged.

If you would like to memorialize a person with enlarged photographs, or by bringing their ashes to the demonstration, ACT UP will arrange that. Please call 252-9200 for more information. [Note: There are legal concerns about human ashes that need to be considered.]

ACT UP is also planning transportation. If you need a ride (from San Francisco) to Sacramento, meet at the Safeway on Market Street at Church at 8:30 am on Friday, Oct. 29.

The political funeral is the first of its kind in Sacramento and is being organized by a newly formed coalition of California ACT UP chapters. ACT UP/Golden Gate, ACT UP/San Francisco, ACT UP/East Bay, ACT UP/Sacramento, ACT UP/San Diego, and ACT UP/Los Angeles are the participating chapters. AIDS and health care advocates are involved and endorsing this action.

Senator Wellstone Speaks on Single Payer Health care

Senator Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.), principle author in the Senate of the American Health Security Act of 1993, for a Canadian-style single payer health care reform measure—a leading alternative to the Clinton reform plan—will address a rally on Sunday, Oct. 24, 1:30 pm, at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. There is no charge for this event, which is part of a one-day conference by UHCAN! (Universal Health Care Action Network), an organization mobilizing grassroots support for single-payer health care reform. (For more information about the conference, call UHCAN! at 216/241-8422 or 800/634-4442; or call Neighbor to Neighbor at 415/824-3355. Registration for the day is $15 without lunch, $30 with lunch).

For more information about single-payer health care reform, call Ellen Shaffer in Senator Wellstone's office, 202/224-5641.

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Beyond Gimmicks

Like your front page, Nan Parks is a gimmick. Whether she is a real person or not is inconsequential compared to her value as a symbol of vacuous heterosexual myopathy. She reinforces a negative stereotype in order to alleviate the publishers of the burden of an objective journalistic standard.

Nan Parks is not the problem—it is the *SF Bay Times* itself. Your paper ghettoizes the gay experience, and readers must endure this and concur lest they be labeled "assimilationist." It is a supposed "news" sheet, yet it lacks balance, direction or perspective. It is a paper that lacks the intelligence to be insightful, so it settles for merely being inflammatory. It is nothing more than a hymn book for choir preachers. The viciousness of the letters section alone attests to the editorial practice of catering to the hate and fear in our own community. The adjectives of the "columnists" betray their bias and their bitchy whiny sarcasm is proffered as wit.

I am glad for the Nan Parks controversy if only because it allows me the opportunity to ask you to define the journalistic mission of this paper. Despite the lack of professionalism, there is still a great need for an alternative paper geared to the entire gay/lesbian community. Of course it is your right to swim in the chasm of the subsects of our community—a chasm this paper bears some responsibility for widening. Or you can be a source for defining our common ground. You can, if you choose, provide credible information—complete with sources and contrasting opinions. You can have guest writers of fiction and poetry who through their visions fortify our hearts and minds, making our fight for civil rights bearable and worth continuing. You can even make room for the contrary opinion as well as those wider issues that ripple through to us from the broader community (the real "Straight Poop").

Just because the *SF Bay Times* is an alternative press, does not mean that you have any less of an obligation to truth and reason than mainstream papers. You can not engage in tabloid tactics and then cry foul when you are not taken seriously. The issues you do raise in your paper are far too important to be marginalized and discredited because you haven't presented them with care, reason and even temperament.

So please tell me where are you coming from? What do you see as your role in both the gay and journalistic community? Are you empowering your readership or simply exploiting their frustrations?

Frankly, I would like to see the *SF Bay Times* become a paper that has relevance to all of our lives and provides leadership rather than just venting. It would be gratifying if the staff and readers of the *SF Bay Times* would spend some time reflecting on these concerns. The premier gay city in America deserves a premier gay publication. It is not beyond—or beneath—the *SF Bay Times* to be that publication.

Jay Bagi
San Francisco

Need a Laugh

I have been amazed by the reaction to the Nan Parks column, my favorite thing in the paper by the way. When I first started reading it I said, Oh my God they're letting a straight woman write a column but by the end I thought is this a joke? By the next week I was sure it was a put-on, but then people started writing these really virulent letters about what a bad person she is, and really I was imagining a roomful of lesbian/gay persons (I hope that's correct) laughing themselves silly over writing this column. I think I prefer my vision, OK? And don't get me wrong but they must be going wild over some of these letters detailing her homophobic, generally non-P.C. remarks and one guy even said she was a failure as a columnist which I really disagree with because she makes me laugh and God (Goddess) knows I need one. The other thing I couldn't help but notice is that most of the people who don't like her seem to be men, and the ones who seem to get the drift seem to be women, but of course I wouldn't want to generalize about gender because that could get me into a lot of trouble and open a new can of worms. So I say let's keep her and leave it to the new people in town to figure out what's going on, OK?

Majid Paula Howells
San Francisco

Take It on the Road—Off the Page

Can we resolve the Nan Parks Tempest in a Teadance and *move on*, already?

It doesn't matter that, picture or no picture, Nan Parks is not a real person. (That desperate disingenuousness, convoluted syntax, and appearance of effortless blather could not be recreated column after column *without* considerable effort.) Despite some implied woman-bashing, the problem isn't even that Nan Parks is not a woman and is more likely a cranky queen trying to channel Anita Loos on a rainy day.

The problem is that the column isn't consistently funny. The first one, probably the longest in the making, I found hysterical, but most of the rest have been major yawns. This stuff would probably work better in performance. Take it on the road, Nan—and off the page.

One final word: For the anagramatically inclined, Nan Parks' name also works out to A.N.'s Prank.

Mara Math
San Francisco

A Comment

"Straight Talk!" is brilliant!

Mike Urbach
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Protect Nutritional Supplements

The FDA has announced plans to regulate any dietary supplement, no matter how safe, as an unapproved drug if it is known to be taken for a "medical use." Beginning Dec. 15, unless Congress intervenes, the FDA will have the authority to change the designation of nutritional supplements from "food product" to either "drug" or "food additive." Each product could then be removed from the market, possibly becoming available as a prescription drug, but only upon the completion of an approval process which, on average, takes 12 years and costs $231 million per drug.

The critically important legislation which would protect nutritional supplements and herbs from this re-designation is the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1993 (Senate bill S-784, sponsored by Orrin Hatch and House of Representatives bill HR-1709, sponsored by Bill Richardson).

Based on the FDA's "Advanced Notice of Proposed Rule-making" published this summer, products immediately endangered are amino acids, most herbs—for example goldenseal and echinacea—bioflavinoids, digestive enzymes, flax seed oil, borage oil, selenium, chromium, dietary fiber and grapefruit seed extract (a natural anti-fungal). We can also expect that eventually the FDA will ban all vitamins exceeding minimal potencies, for example beyond 60 mg of Vitamin C. By the FDA's perverse logic, the more beneficial a supplement, the less available it will be.

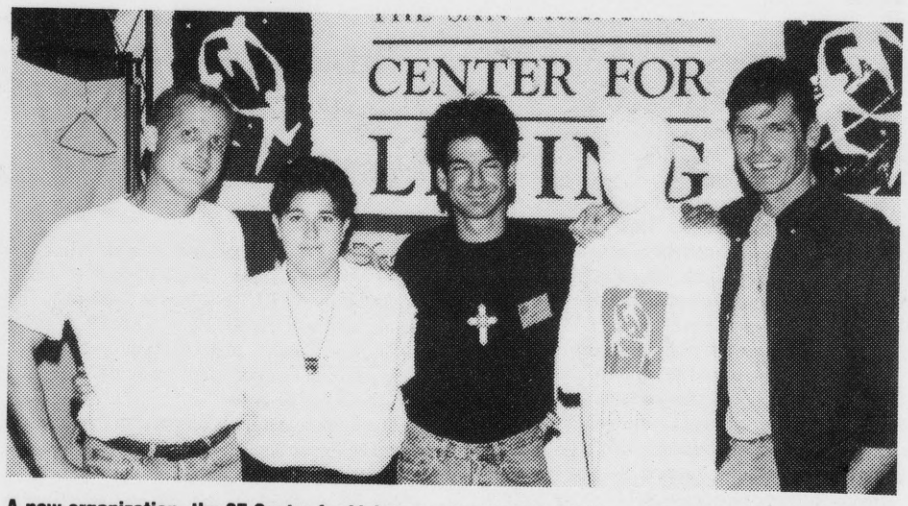
The FDA wants to protect the huge profits of drug companies at a time when more and more consumers are choosing alternatives to pharmaceutical products. The June 15 FDA "Dietary Supplement Task Force Report" makes this clear by announcing that "Steps are necessary to ensure that the existence of dietary supplements on the market does not act as a disincentive for drug development."

Supplements are far safer than pharmaceutical drugs. Just take a look at the *Physician's Desk Reference (PDR)* in any pharmacy and you'll see the damaging "side-effects" of prescription drugs. The nutritional supplement industry in this country has a long, well-established safety record. The one serious safety problem involving a nutritional supplement occurred in 1989 when Showa Denko Company, a Japanese petrochemical firm, produced contaminated L-tryptophan. L-tryptophan is an amino acid that had been widely used as a non-toxic sleep inducer and natural tranquilizer. The contaminant caused an outbreak of EMS, a serious blood disorder. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control isolated the problem to Showa Denko, which had been using an inadequate filtration system and genetically engineered materials.

Although extensive testing found no inherent safety problems with the amino acid, the FDA still bans L-tryptophan. For other contaminated products, e.g., Tylenol and Perrier, the FDA recalls suspected batches, but doesn't remove the product permanently. Many people who depended on L-tryptophan have reluctantly switched to Prozac, Halcion or Valium—all addictive, expensive pharmaceuticals known for causing adverse reactions. L-tryptophan is still (legally) used in chicken and hog feed, calling into question the FDA's honesty in claiming L-tryptophan is unsafe for over-the-counter sale.

Don't let Big Brother take our nutritional supplements away! Write (hand-written is best) and call Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510; local phone (415) 249-4777; Barbara Boxer (415) 403-0100; and your local Congressperson, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515, and demand they co-sponsor S-784 and HR-1709.

Rachel Rose
Oakland



A new organization, the SF Center for Living, a support network for anyone with a life-challenging illness and their family and friends, is based on 18th St. in the Castro. Photo by Rink

Human Sacrifices to The God of Tourism

In some cultures, human sacrifices were made in order to assure bountiful crops or success in war. We react in horror when we hear stories of still-beating hearts plucked from the victim's chest or astonishment when we read of live virgins being thrown into active volcanoes in order to appease the god/ goddess of fire.

In America and in San Francisco in particular, workers are encouraged to sacrifice their lives in a toxic, smoke-filled environment in order to appease the forces of profit and business enterprise.

The restaurant industry is, once again, selfishly whining about imagined loss of income and impending disaster should San Francisco supervisors vote in favor of regulations establishing smoke-free workplaces—including restaurants.

These "Chicken Little was right" doomsayers fail to note that many people do not patronize their places of business because of the current smoking practices of other customers.

Restaurants that allow smoking also deny access to any person with asthma or any other chemical sensitivity, thereby depriving them of their civil rights of free access. The first lawsuit charging discrimination on behalf of these people should put an end to the childish whining of restaurant operators of Stars and Harringtons, (both outspoken opponents of smoke-free environments).

I encourage anyone considering a visit to one of these two establishments to think twice before they risk their health and contribute to the dangerous working conditions for waitpersons.

San Francisco *must* have a smoke-free workplace policy. Readers are invited to call every member of the Board of Supervisors urging approval of smoke-free workplace environments, including restaurants, when the matter comes up for "discussion" on Oct. 26.

Board of Supervisors President Angela Alioto is to be commended for her persistence and far-sightedness in choosing to take on this necessary but difficult issue.

The San Francisco Tobacco-Free Project has produced a guide to smoke-free dining in San Francisco. Copies may be obtained by writing to the Tobacco-Free Project, 1540 Market St., #250, SF 94102.

John Cailleau
San Francisco

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Gay activist and Prop X coordinator Tab Buckner with Jerry Brown at a fundraiser in support of Prop X, the "Ban the Slush Funds" initiative. Photo by Rink

No on 174

We are lesbian parents of school-age children and we are urging everyone in the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender community to vote NO on Proposition 174, the school voucher initiative. In our recent work against the proposition, we've found many people without children who don't know anything about it. Proposition 174 calls for using taxpayer money now being spent on already underfunded public schools and give it to private schools. The first $1.3 billion would subsidize children already in private schools. The initiative allows a voucher school to be created with a minimum of 25 children, with "teachers" who don't need to be certified and with no curriculum guidelines. While voucher schools will not be able to disciminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, color or national origin, they could discriminate on the basis of religion, gender, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientation (of child or parent), academic ability, economic status or anything else. The schools standing to benefit most are religious schools which will be subsidized with our money to teach whatever they like—including homophobia—to whomever they choose.

We know there are lots of parents in our community who choose to send their children to private schools and who stand to receive money if this passes. Public education impacts all of us, whether or not we have children in public schools. To have a functioning democracy, all the people must be educated. Public education is in crisis, but Prop. 174 is not the solution. Instead, this proposition would go a long way toward destroying public education in California. The lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender community in particular will be affected if Prop. 174 passes because its main backers are Christian right-wing groups who are using this both as a gauge of their power and to further their goals of destroying "secular humanism" and ending the separation of church and state. And we all know who *they* love to hate the most—us!

Please remember to vote on Nov. 2 and vote NO on Proposition 174.

Kimi Sakashita,
Naomi Schapiro, Cindy Shamban, Marge Sussman
Berkeley

SMMILE's Successes

SMMILE (South of Market Merchants' and Individuals' Lifestyle Events) is pleased to announce that both the Up Your Alley and Folsom Street Fairs were a great success in 1993. All in all, 1993 proved to be a banner year for SMMILE, beginning with the Cable Car Awards, at which the '92 Folsom Street Fair won Best Community Event. Later in the summer, a reader's poll in the *San Francisco Bay Guardian* selected the Folsom Street Fair as the Best Street Fair in San Francisco. Both fairs proved to be popular attractions. Despite, or perhaps because of, the high temperatures throughout each day, fair attendance broke all previous records. The happy throngs listened to the enchanting variety of entertainment from the stages, browsed through the offerings of the many vendors, enjoyed the assortment of foods and beverages, or just communed with good friends.



At the swearing-in of the City's new Joint Task Force on the HIV Epidemic, supes Carole Migden (L) and Susan Leal (r) congratulate Dr. Sandra Hernandez, SF's Public Health Officer, who was named chair of the 25-member task force by the Mayor.

SMMILE proudly announces that the total raised for charity in 1993 was $42,000. Proceeds from the fairs will be distributed to the beneficiaries on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 7 pm, at a reception hosted by Don Wentworth and the Half Shell Restaurant, 64 Rausch Alley off Folsom, between 7th and 8th streets. The beneficiaries for both events are Kairos, Godfather Service Fund and the San Francisco International Lesbian/Gay Film Festival.

William B. Hunt
SMMILE

Lantos Lied

The following letter was sent to Congressman Tom Lantos:

In reply to our concerns about federal legislation against gays in the military, you wrote, "As you know, in the 102nd Congress I was one of 78 co-sponsors of HR5208, which would have eliminated this reprehensible practice from all branches of our military, and my position clearly has not changed. I am determined to work with like-minded colleagues who feel that a nation committed to non-discrimination must have a military dedicated to the same values."

Unlike your like-minded Bay Area colleagues in Congress you voted *for* the Nunn amendment to the Clinton-Aspin directive which was ultimately supported by the entire Joint Chiefs of Staff. In effect, you voted to reverse the intent of the administration's directive in the following ways:

(1) allowing the Secretary of Defense to reinstate questioning regarding sexual orientation when "necessary," thereby weakening the "don't ask" compromise;

(2) eliminating the Clinton requirement that military sexual misconduct policies be uniformly enforced, whether the conduct is heterosexual (Tailhook) or homosexual;

(3) allowing witch hunts to continue because it creates an ambiguous "credible information" standard for investigations;

(4) adding a list of 15 findings that reaffirm the pre-Clinton ban, including the ludicrous assertion (contrary to findings of Pentagon-authorized Rand and previous studies) that homosexuals "create an unacceptable risk to the high standards of morale, good order and discipline, and unit cohesion."

That is what you voted for, Mr. Lantos, while our previous representative, Nancy Pelosi, from whose district we were redistricted, voted against the amendment. We are outraged. Clearly you lied to us. You betrayed our trust. Your word is worthless. We will remember, and you will be reminded of your betrayal by the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities when you seek re-election.

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon
San Francisco

Podva for State Senate

Remember Jim Nielsen? As a California state senator he was outrageously anti-gay. In a moment of clarity his district voted him out of office. Now an even worse extremist is running in the same district—the fourth. Maurice Johannesen has millions of dollars to spend on this campaign—money from his own fortune made developing real estate as well as funds from Southern California's religious right. He soundly defeated a well-known moderate Republican in the August primary.

The fourth district (currently eastern Sonoma, Napa, Lake, Colusa, Glenn, Butte, Tehama and Shasta counties) will have the opportunity to send a friend of mine, Montana Podva, to the state Senate in November. Unlike Johannesen, Monte is an environmentalist, pro-choice on abortion, against government waste and a strong defender of our Bill of Rights and social justice. He needs and deserves our support and *we* need him in Sacramento.

Please call (707) 544-0424 to help with Montana Podva's campaign. Donations can be sent to: Californians for Montana Podva, 701 Fourth St., Santa Rosa 95404. State law requires you to list your occupation and address; there's a $1,000 maximum limit on donations in special elections.

Get involved, and if you live in the fourth district, vote Nov. 2!

Wendy J. White
Glenhaven

The Pigeon Problem

The following is an open letter to Mayor Frank Jordan:

Now that you've solved "The Homeless Problem," in your own inimitable style, there is another matter I think you could handle: Pigeons. Yes, pigeons are taking over Civic Center Plaza. It is disgraceful! As soon as one sits down to admire the view of City Hall, there they are—pigeons spitting and groveling for your food. And when they aren't annoying you with that, the filthy ugly perverts are billing and cooing and *humping*—yes, Mr. Mayor, *humping!*—right out in the open for everyone to see, office workers and tourists.

Mr. Mayor, they are scaring away the tourists. You must act quickly. You could get the police to stomp on 'em and squash 'em with their boots every day. You know, the same way they harass the "Food Not Bombs" people who are trying to feed the homeless. The police could get two birds with one boot (so to speak).

I know you are quite competent to handle this ugly matter. Keep it up, Mayor. You are doing a marvelous job. You really have your pulse on what the people of San Francisco want and need.

Have a nice day.

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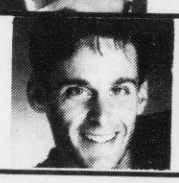
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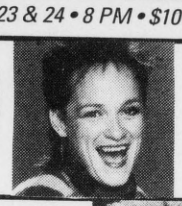
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(astrology)

BY JACK FERTIG

Samhain Special

Mars is moving into a sextile to Neptune and Uranus. This is decidedly a mixed blessing. It will help us all to shed some of our inhibitions and act out a bit more, let us say festively, in the Samhain (Hallowe'en) celebrations. It will also help us forget certain limits, not just of normal propriety (which we can easily do without!), but also common sense in terms of street smarts, intoxication, indulgence and driving. Mystical insights are strong at this time, but so is the general propensity for accidents. It's very easy now to go beyond usual limits of energy and endurance, and then make stupid careless errors. Under these aspects it's even easy to make thoughtless mistakes when you're well rested. Allow for lapses of order and logic. This week magic, mystery and sensual indulgence reign!

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Your adventurous gung-ho attitude is sometimes perceived by other people as pushiness. These days it is likely to come across as unmitigated aggression. Rather than doing an unwitting impression of a steamroller in heat, take some time to sit down and think about what it is you're really after. You can get what you want. Certainly the drive is there! All you have to do is focus that drive a bit more constructively. Well, perhaps more than just "a bit more." Although there is no holding you back and success is not difficult to achieve now, you have a tendency, even more than usual, to go off half-cocked, and get into big trouble. All you need is cool, thoughtful planning.

TAURUS: Although very certain in your beliefs, you are usually more restrained about expressing them. These days you are incredibly outspoken, as if looking for a fight. Hmmm, perhaps you are! You do need to test your relationships now and then, to make sure your partner and other close pals really share your commitment to the things that count. Occasional arguments are inevitable in any relationship, and that can be part of the fun, but you're pushing too hard! More than likely you're also coming out of left field with your assertions. When tempted to start a "discussion" stop and think about what you really want to prove. Then make sure to keep it fair and principled!

GEMINI: The stars show you getting very worried about health and mortality right now. It is actually a good time to focus more constructively on the issue, but nothing is to be gained by worrying. Sit down and look at what you're doing to take care of yourself. Medication (and other drugs?) are likely to be a big issue now. How hard you work and your sense of purpose in life are also important. The way you take care of others is also very important to reconsider. Helping is good, but be careful that you're not helping others at your own expense.

CANCER: You're in a very feisty, playful mood these days. You can easily be too much for your partner to keep up with! Be patient with the poor dear. S/he has a lot to deal with, having a firecracker like you around! Your exuberance can lead to misunderstandings and upsets, perhaps a tired cranky response, not-so-gently asking where you get all that sudden energy from. With a little consideration you can match schedules and energy levels and explore some fun and games, opening your relationship to new levels of empathy and novel discoveries.

LEO: It looks like time to go into a housecleaning frenzy. Your white tornado will hit the workplace especially hard, and you could step on some toes—at home or at work—while attempting massive reorganization. You're probably in need of deeper cleansing. High colonics would be helpful, or you may try something more metaphysical. For 12-steppers, this is an ideal time for a fourth step; for Catholics, confession. For the rest of you it may be very helpful to write those long soul-searching letters to close family members, the kind you don't mail.

VIRGO: Your creative fires are burning fiercely! This is a great time to play with all sorts of odd ideas. The down side is that your famous logical and organizational skills are not at their best. In fact you may find yourself in a bit of a muddle if you try to follow your familiar rational roads. It's time to explore more mystical paths, to unlock hidden creativity, to open up the magical mystical side that has been lurking in the right lobe of your brain. It's slightly disorienting for you, so you could end up expressing yourself oddly, perhaps getting into some arguments. Don't press any points, but try to find inspiration in your more heated discussions.

LIBRA: It's especially tempting right now to invest in your home, anything from decorative knick-knacks to a real-estate deal. Whatever steps you take, though, will lead you down a path you never intended. It could go better than expected, but that's not terribly likely. Careful planning and investment of energy will help, but the tendency now is toward the dangerous impulse. Financial housekeeping will turn up some surprise assets or debts either in your home or your family. At the very least, look under the cushions in your old sofa!

SCORPIO: Your charisma just got yet another boost! Do you ever get tired of me telling you that? Well, there are long-term aspects to support it, and now with Mars, the Sun and other planets heading through your sign, you are indeed the star of stars. But that is a mixed blessing! Right now your force of character can lead you into what should be simple discussions with the strength of a bulldozer! You could inadvertently change a simple request for the time into a ridiculous argument. You tend to see hidden meanings everywhere. It can be a marvelous time to study poetry or mythology, but take it easy in simple conversations! *Happy Birthday Francesca Dubie!*

SAGITTARIUS: Little voices in your head are telling you to go out and spend, spend, spend. The shopping demons are eager to take you out for a major spin! It appears you're fretting about money and realize you are unduly concerned. Although you seem to think some retail therapy will alleviate your mood, it will also put you into real trouble. You could focus your intuition to help find some real bargains, but meditate first. Make sure you are shopping for fun or necessity with disposable income.

CAPRICORN: You're a lot more fun to be around than you give yourself credit for. Right now your friends are putting social (or political?) demands on you and you don't have the energy to keep up. Does that stop you? You should at least slow down, consider your energy levels and previous commitments, and think carefully before you commit to anything more! Although you probably could keep up, after a fashion, doing so will make you crazy. Measure your energies conservatively and make sure you take time to relax and take care of yourself. Your real friends will respect your need for a little down-time.

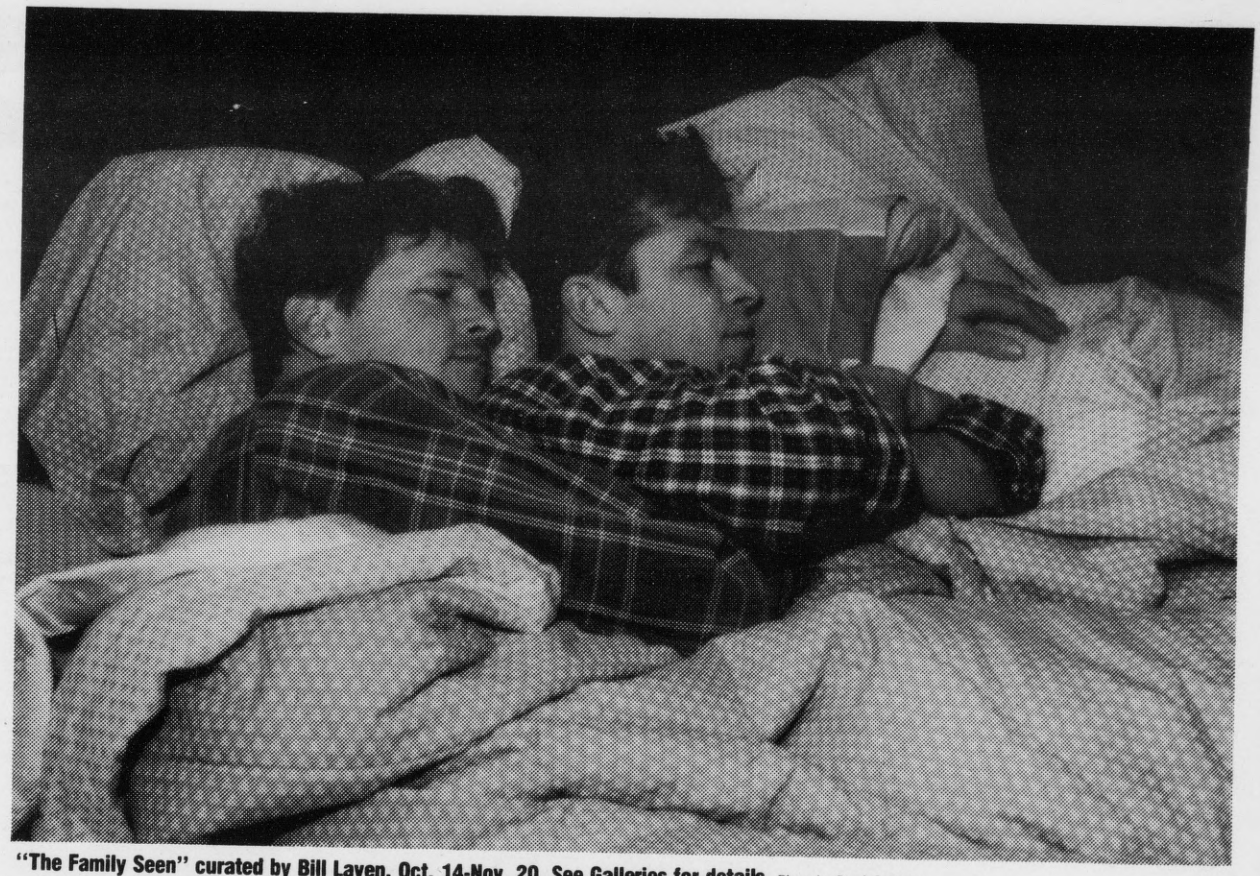
AQUARIUS: This is a good time to analyze your ambitions, but could be a very awkward time to act on them. Pay attention to your gut feelings. Your instincts will tell you a lot about why you're pushing forward as you are, but to act on those instincts would be risky. With careful strategic forethought you could do very well right now, but be careful of the sudden impulse. You may find yourself a few steps forward, but in the process you're likely to reveal vulnerable spots and leave yourself open to be set back in the long run.

PISCES: This is a great time to enjoy the company of friends or to push your way forward in political circles. Actually you're itching for a good argument, or similar rowdy acting-out. If you do get into a roiling debate be aware that your logical faculties are taking a back seat to intuition and magical perceptions. You can argue effectively from your heart, not your brain, if you know that's how you're operating. You may surprise even yourself with your poetic eloquence as long as you don't try to impress anyone with logic. ✿

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

coming Up

COMPILED BY MAXINE MORRIS



"The Family Seen" curated by Bill Laven, Oct. 14-Nov. 20. See Galleries for details. Photo by Sarah J. Wells

OCT 21 / THU

Pets Are A Wonderful Support (PAWS) Open House: 5-7 pm at 539 Castro St nr 18th, SF. Info: 241-1460.

Help resurrect an Eastbay bisexual, lesbian, gay & transgender festival & parade. Meet 7:30 pm at Thunder Bay, 1 Bolivar Dr, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 540-0869.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Humor—How do we use it to get thru life? All women are welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 583-1649.

Blow Buddies & the AIDS Health Project sponsor free, anonymous HIV testing, counseling & education for men. No name or ID required, no membership required. All men are welcome. 10 pm-12:30 am at The Holy Place, 933 Harrison St (upstairs in a private space), SF. The AIDS Health Project is a program of the SF Dept of Public Health.

OCT 22 / FRI

Moving Beyond Visibility: Empowerment, Leadership & Activism in the Asian Pacific Lesbian & Bisexual Community. Conference in Santa Cruz 10/22-24. Historic retreat. Don't miss. Info/res: 928-8885 or 648-4185.

Festival Cine Latino, spons by Cine Accion, features several lesbian & gay videos. Festival runs thru 10/24 at Mission Cultural Center in SF. For program details call 553-8135.

Women's Cancer Resource Center hosts its fall orientation & training program beginning tonight. If you're interested in volunteering to help women with cancer, call (510) 548-9286.

Women's Country & Western Class & Dance: 7 & 9 pm tonight & 10/29 in the Eastbay. Info: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

An Evening of Women's Comedy, spons by KPFA Women's Department. Hosted by comic Suzy Berger, featuring comics Karla Carmony, Annie Larson, Stephanie Mazow, Kathy Russell, Jeanette Sarmiento & Vanessa Von Detta. 8 pm, free. 1929 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Berkeley.

Afro Solo: Five Black Men in Solo Performance. Tonight & tmw at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St at Shotwell, SF. 8 pm, $10 gen'l, $5 stdnts & srs.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF Annual Classical Concert: "The Tradition Continues: Choral Works from Folk to Classic," 8 pm tonight at First Congregational Church, 27th & Harrison, Oakl. 8 pm tmw & 2 pm 10/24 at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, $15 preferred/sponsor. Tix available at Headlines stores in SF. Info: 861-7067.

Breast Song: Red Dora's Bearded Lady presents performance with Mary Wings & Becky McDonald, joined by Mabel Maney, *Diminished Music*, Betty Pearl's bad poetry, Jessica Patton, Kris Kovick and surprise guests! Tonight & tmw at 8 pm, $5. 485 14th St at Guerrero, SF.



Vegas in Space at Paula's Queer Clubhouse. Doors open at 9 pm. Special USA Network TV Party. Broadcast at 11 pm. Stars in person! Popcorn! Suprise guests! Don't miss! 3160 16th St, SF.

OCT 23 / SAT

CUAV Training for Halloween monitors in the Castro on 10/31. Get involved, you're needed! Training totals two hours and will be offered several times beginning today. Call Charlie at 777-5500 for details.

Pt Reyes Hike with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: 9.3 mile hike on Greenpicker Trail. Meet 9 am at Thirfty at Church & Market, SF or at 10:30 am at Bear Valley Ranger Station. Info: 281-5666.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans go for a strenuous hike on the northern part of Marin's water district. Info: 281-5666.

"Faggot With A Gun," gay comic Mark Davis brings his new one-man comedy show to Josie's Cabaret, thru 10/24. Show chronicles Davis' infiltration of a homophobic religious right organization for the purpose of a journalistic expose. Told in flashback in a *Mildred Pierce* film noir style, Davis exposes his own extensive arrest record culminating in the assassination of right-wing Czar Sheldon Rush Helms. As always, he introduces a number of eccentric characters along the way. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

3rd Annual SF Int'l Accordion Festival: From Zydeblues to Bavarian Boogie—today & tmw at Leavenworth & Beach Sts, Fisherman's Wharf, SF. Info: 775-6000.

Picnic Under the Redwoods: For lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, spons by Voices of Pride/Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center. Volleyball, swimming, free food & drink. Noon-3 pm at Redwoods Site, Dimond Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 530-8529.

Political Funeral for Joan Baker, one courageous dyke who lived & died with AIDS in the face of apathy and a lack of services. Gather at noon in Dolores Park (18th & Dolores), SF and march for a speak-out at Harvey Milk Plaza (Market & Castro), SF. Info: 267-6195.

...And They Lived Happily Ever After: Long-term lesbian relationships—are they just another fairytale? Tune in to KPFA FM 94.1 12:30 pm.

Country Western Class for beginners: 1-4 pm. Footnotes Dance Studio, 1251 Arroyo Way, Walnut Creek. Info: (415) 616-4674 or (510) 939-4406. Taught by Lauren Andrews of SF Fringe Riders.

Jesse Dobson Memorial Memorial for Jesse Dobson, recently deceased local AIDS treatment activist. 2-3 pm in the Bay View Room at the SF Grand Hyatt, 355 Stockton St at Sutter, SF. Info: Project Inform 558-8669.

"Men-Women We Have Known," an eve of slides & discussion with Will Roscoe & Winfield Coleman on recent research on Native American berdache, or third gender, traditions. 7 pm, donation. New College, 777 Valencia St, SF. Info: 621-4716.

Marin BACW Video Night: Join Bay Area Career Women for a casual potluck dinner, followed by video viewing. 7 pm, $2. Bring dish to share. Info: Sharon 453-9317.

Entre tonight! Join 7 lesbians for succulent feasting and sparkling coversation in San Francisco. Space limited. Info/res: 703-7142.

Breast Song at Red Dora's, see 10/22. Final performance!

Afro Solo at New Performance Gallery, see 10/22.

See excerpts from *Blessed Virgin*, a one-woman show about the triumph of recovery from child prostitution. 8 pm. Institute for the Musical Arts, Bodega Bay. Info: (707) 876-3004.

Klubstitute Oktoberfest: Celebration of the fall season based loosely on the traditional German ritualistic festival, featuring live performance by Fraulein Bambi, who performs her acclaimed interpretations of German classics with piano & squeezebox, plus cheap draft beer, pretzels, lederhosen "oom-pa-pa" music & dancing with DJs Alvin a go-go & Drew Marcaroni & Cheese. Emcees David Hawkins & Diet Popstitute. At Paula's Queer Clubhouse, 3160 16th St nr Valencia, SF. $5.

Lesbian & Gay Chorus of SF in "The Tradition Continues: Choral Works from Folk to Classic," see 10/22.

At Mama Bears: Gwen Avery in concert. Blues/gospel. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Younger Lesbians Social: Spons by LYRIC, for women ages 23 & under. 8-11 pm at Whiptail Lizard Lounge, 4035 18th St, SF. Info: 267-6979.

Night of the Black Mask III at Kimo's: 9 pm-midnight. Hosted by Celestial Krewe de Cuir, sponsors of SF's annual Leather Coronation. Prizes for the best-decorated black masks in the categories of Most Elaborate, Most Creative & Most Decadent. $5 beer & soda bust. 50/50 raffle. Special surprises. Info: 255-4663.

OCT 24 / SUN

3rd Annual Accordion Fest at Fisherman's Wharf, see 10/23.

Writing as If Your Life Depended on It: A wkshop with Marie Cartier, designed for adults from dysfunctional families, especially incest & child abuse survivors & adult children of alcoholics. Noon-6 pm, $65. Spons by Institute for the Musical Arts. Call (707) 876-3004 for info.

Sex After Diagnosis: Open discussion on feelings & concerns surrounding fulfillment of intimacy & sexual needs following diagnosis of any life-threatening illness. 1-4 pm. Led by Stuart Altschuler, MFCC. SF Center for Living, 4054 18th St, SF. Info/res: 252-1666.

A PhASSION SHow: 4 the Spirit & the Flesh: Fashion-performance event created by Ellen Sebastian, artistic director of Life on the Water and fashion designer Jenny Jensen. 2 pm in the Rotunda, Palace of Fine Arts, Bay & Lyon Sts, SF. $10 donation.

William Bryan, pianist, in a program celebrating Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*. 4 pm at Swedenborgian Church, 2107 Lyon St at Washington, SF. Free.

Live Skin IV at DNA Lounge with Fat Chance Belly Dance, Taiko Drumming, body manipulations and more! Doors open at 9 pm, sow at 10. Tix $8 gen'l, $7 with tattoo. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Alternative Lesbian Space in the Castro. Open noon-9 pm, collective meets at 7. All women are welcome. Info: 267-6979. 4035 18th St, SF.

Women's Day on the Ropes Course: Taught by Lori Saltzman & Anita Poree. Day includes games, high & low challenges, lots of fun! 8:30 am-5:30 pm, $75. Westerbeke Ranch, Sonoma (one hour north of SF). Info/res: 388-0431.

OCT 25 / MON

Shanti Project's Crossings Program (provides people with AIDS living in the Tenderloin, Mission & South of Market areas with culturally sensitive one-on-one peer counseling, group support, transportation & help with daily tasks) Volunteer Training deadline is today. Info: Darnell Stinson 777-2273 or Greg Cardona 749-5680.

CFIDS Rally: Rally to address CFIDS (Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome) issues. 11:30 am-1:30 pm at Moscone Center Plaza, 747 Howard St, SF. Info: Pamela 386-2663.

Money! A wkshop for midlife women with Lloyda French, MS, career counselor. Explore your relationship to money, what you won't give up for money, negotiating your salary. 10 am-noon at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Call for pre-reg: 431-6405. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty.

Sacred Sound Circle: Music for meditation & healing. Learn simple chants, toning, movement. 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Bethany Methodist Church, Sanchez at Clipper, SF. 7-8:30 pm, freewill donation. Info: Kristopher 621-4099.

Homecoming: Philip Horvitz' homo homage to incest, violence & musical theater. Tonight & tmw at Kiki, 483 14th St, SF. Info: 863-3554.

OCT 26 / TUE

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by classically defined model Bill Milligan. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

Women's Erotic Reading Circle at Good Vibrations: Women of all preferences & proclivities are invited to this informal monthly gathering. Bring any erotic writing, published or unpublished, smutty or sublime, yours or someone else's, and share it with the group. Non-judgmental listening guaranteed. 8-10 pm, free, women only. Punctuality appreciated. 1210 Valencia St at 23rd, SF. Info: 974-8980.

At DNA Lounge: *Fudge Tunnel, Pain Teens* and *Season to Risk*. Doors open at 9pm, show at 9:30. Tix $5 adv, $6 day of show. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

Pioneer underground cartoonist Trina Robbins gives a slideshow/discussion on her book, *A Century of Women Cartoonists*. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

An Eve to Support Women with Cancer: 7:30 pm at the Palace of Fine Arts, SF. Program features the Axis dance troupe, *Alive!*, Melanie De More, Louise Renne & June Jordan. Emcee Maria Cora. 7:30 pm, $15-60 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Proceeds benefit the Women's Cancer Resource Center & the Charlote Maxwell Comlementary Clinic. No-smoking, scents or perfumes, please. Childcare provided (call ahead for reservation). Info: (510) 548-9272. Wheelchair Accessible. ASL interpretation provided.

Homecoming by Philip Horvitz at Kiki, see 10/25.

Veronica Klaus performs her "heart & soul revue" at Cafe du Nord. Night of traditional blues with a transgendered twist. Tonight & 11/2 at Paula's Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. 9 pm, $5. Info/res: 864-5453.

OCT 27 / WED

Queers for Cuba: present an evening of video & discussion. 7 pm. 3382 16th St at Mission, SF. See Estelle Bravo's documentary, *Miami-Havana*.

Gala New Year's Eve with Sharon McNight at Cyril's. Show includes champagne, noisemakers & dancing at the city's newest nightclub, an intimate space reminiscent of vintage 1940s clubs. Tix $40. Show starts at 10:30 pm. Doors open at 9:30 pm. Info/res: 421-4222.

OCT 28 / THU

Ghost Stories: Repertory Concert with Unbound Spirit Dance Company, see 10/28.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Judith Fein, PhD, reads from & signs copies of her new book, *Exploding the Myth of Self-Defense: A Survival Guide for Every Woman*, at 5 pm; followed by tear gas certification/personal defense class, 6-8:30 pm. Wkshop $25 in adv, $29 day of class. $9.50 for state certification. Tear gas optional, available at workshop. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Melissa Kwasny reads from her new novel, *Trees Call for What They Need*.. 8 pm. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight for food, drink & conversation, see 10/18.

"Halloween '93: Live the Dream" with ETVC, the TV/TS & Friends Club. Costume contests & entertainment. 8 pm, SF location. ETVC is a 400-member support/social group for the transgender community.

Benefit for book project of SAM, a performance-poetry collective (Stanya Kahn, Anah-K & Miranda Melis). First in a series to benefit their first book. 8:30 pm tonight & tmw at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 485 14th St nr Guerrero, SF. Tix $5-10 SL fee.

Club Ebony for Women at El Rio with DJ Evol-E. 9 pm, $3. A Nubia production. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

"If Is the Middle Word in Life: A Formula for Excess," play by Kathi Georges & Peter Carlaftes. One night only. 9 pm, $5. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater, 96 Lafayette, btwn 11th & 12th, off Howard, SF. Info/res: 552-3034.

OCT 29 / F R I

Lake Merritt Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Meet 9 am at the corner of 14th & Oak St, near Cameron Stanford House for a flat 3 mile loop, followed by potluck brunch at Michael C's house.
Women's Country & Western Dance Class, see 10/22.
Shadows on the Bay: Dark Shadows Society social gathering for fans & friends. Costume party, video, potluck & fun! 7:30 pm. Info/location: Neil 255-7672.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Marilyn Hacker & Rafael Capo. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF.
Sparks Fly IV: Benefit for women political prisoners. Features the National Book Award-nominated author Dorothy Allison, Chrystos, Indigenous American poet, author of *Not Vanishing, Dream On* and *In Her I Am*, and Melanie DeMore, African American jazz signer/songwriter. Plus updates on the cases of Norma Jean Croy, Silvia Baraldini, Puerto Rican POWs and women fighting for health care at Chowchilla women's prison. $7-25 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 995-4735.
Halloween Costume Ball: Be a star at Gay Asian Pacific Alliance's exotic & fabulous Halloween Costume Ball! Come as your most outrageous and win cash prizes. Pageant, entertainment & dancing. 8 pm-midnight, $9. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St btwn Guerrero & Valencia, SF. Info: 922-7091.
Benefit for SAM book project at Red Dora's, see 10/28.
Siamese Twins: A Halloween lecture by Monte Cazazza at ATA, 992 Valencia St, SF. 8:30 pm, $5.

OCT 30 / S A T

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans 40-mile bike ride thru Eastbay valleys—meet 9:30 am at Hayward BART. Info: 281-5666.
Pre-reg open for Breath & Movement Wkshop for Adoptees, taught by Amy Cheney. Info: 647-1492.
Telling Our Stories: An Afternoon for Women. 11 am-4 pm. Designed to help women "change our pain into medicine." Led by Ann Rosencranz & Loren Walsh. SF Center for Living, 4054 18th St, SF. Info/res: 252-1666.
Prostate Disease: Ira Sharlip, MD discusses prostate cancer, the controversial PSA screening test and current treatments for both benign & malignant prostate disease. He also answers your questions regarding prostate problems. 7-9 pm, $6. Part of Planetree Health Resource Center's Health Lecture Series. Space limited. Info/res: 923-3681. 2040 Webster St, SF.
Halloween Costume Party for Lesbians at Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Pumpkin carving, 4-6 pm; costume party & dancing, 7-11 pm. Alcohol, drug & smoke-free space. All women are welcome! Info: 267-06979. 4035 18th St, SF.
Twin Peaks at Sunset with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. Call 281-5666 by 10/29 to sign-up.
Ache & 2 Nasty Girls present "A Drag King Thang II" for lesbians of color. Come for another fabulous evening as we play with gender, parade drag Kings and crown our new King! Evening features slideshow, drama, strippers & Drag King contest, followed by dance party. Prizes for the best drag. Categories: Leather Daddy, Fashion King, Street Wear Guy and Uniform Man. Come strut your stuff—butch or femme—and play! 7:30 pm-midnight, $9-15 (no one turned away for lack of funds). La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: (510) 548-2633.
Girth & Mirth Club of SF's annual Halloween Costume Party: Fun starts at 8 pm, discounts for people who wear a costume. The club provides finger foods & other refreshments. 401 Twin Peaks Blvd, SF. Info/directions: 824-0260.
Halloween Dance & Costume Contest: Clean & sober fundraiser for Living Sober 1994. 9 pm-midnight, $8-15 SL donation. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. AA & Al-Anon meetings at 8 pm. ASL. Childcare provided/13 & under. Info: Jim P 621-3349 or Cynthia H 387-1805.
Organ Horrors: MCC-SF's annual concert of spooky organ music, featuring members of the SF Lesbian/Gay Chorus. Includes macabre songs from "Sweeney Todd," plus a costume parade of ghouls (with audience participation). 8 pm, $5. Refreshments served. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Witch Hunts: Slide presentation by Max Dashu of Suppressed Histories Archives. Dashu recounts 1000 years of persecution, attacks on women & the dismantling of animist folk traditions. 8 pm, $5-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
Full Moon Tantra. Naked, hands-on tantric sex ritual "transverses the terrain from quiet meditation to ecstatic release." 9 pm at Eros, 2051 Market St, SF. Info: 731-2834.

OCT 31 / S U N

Mt San Bruno Trip with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. Call 647-3775 for details.
At Faster, Pussycat! The Club: Libra Party with *Fagbash*. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF.
Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Alternative lesbian space in the Castro. Open noon-9 pm, collective meets at 7. All women are welcome. 4035 18th St, SF.
Halloween Party: Benefit for Annie Doel's Off Beam Productions. Live performance, multi-image projections, music, dancing & fun! Lots of parking. 7 pm at 60 Brady St (downtown), SF. $10 donation. Info: 665-LIVE.
Halloween Party at El Rio: 8 pm-midnight, no cover. Salsa with *Grupo Sinigual*. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Eat Pumpkin: Asian AIDS Project's Rubber Club presents their Halloween Party & costume contest tonight at the 'N Touch. Cash prizes! Sign-up for the contest before 11 pm. 1548 Polk ST, sF. Info: Stewart 441-8413 or Antonio 227-0946.

NOV 1 / M O N

Marin BACW Course in Miracles Study Group: New group forming for beginners as well as those familiar with "A Course in Miracles". Mondays, 7-9 pm, $3. Info: Sharon 453-9317.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Author Matthew Stadler discusses his book, *The Dissolution of Nicholas Dee*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's with emcee Scott Capurrp. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

NOV 2 / T U E

SF Bay Area Book Festival offers several gay & lesbian authors, readings & panels of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual community at their annual fest, today thru 11/7 at the Concourse Exhibition Center, 635 8th St, SF. For Festival program info call 861-BOOK.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Dan Millman, author of the Way of the Warrior series, reads from his new book, *The Life You Were Born to Live*. Book presents an ancient system used to determine a person's core issues, inborn talents & hidden purposes. 7 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Gay comic Mark Davis in Faggot With A Gun," at Josie's Cabaret. Plays Tues-Wed, tonight & tmw and 11/23 & 24 at 8 pm. Tix $10. 3583 16th ST at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.
Veronica Klaus at Cafe du Nord, see 10/26.

NOV 3 / W E D

Learning to Sit *in Silence: A Journal of Caretaking:* Author Elaine Marcus Starkman reads & signs copies of her new book at A New Leaf Bookstore, 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. 7:30 pm.
Faggot With A Gun at Josie's Cabaret, see 11/1.

NOV 4 / T H U

Marin BACW Business Mtg. Help Bay Area Career Women plan upcoming activities. Info: Lucie 925-9509.
Jeffrey **Benefit** & Cast Party: Benefit performance of Paul Rudnick's hit comedy at 8 pm, followed by catered cast party immediately following the performance. Proceeds benefit Theatre Rhino, the nation's oldest lesbian & gay theater. For tix & other info call 861-5079.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Jewelle Gomez & Randye Lordon read from their new work. 8 pm, $3-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

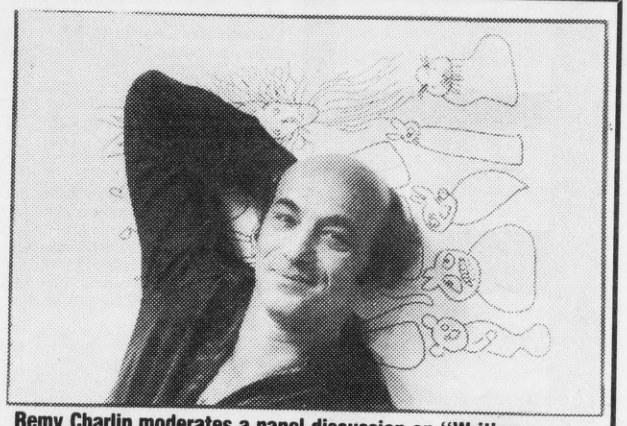


Reno at Josie's Cabaret: First in a series of work-in-progress stand-up concerts. Runs Thurs-Sun 11/4-7, Wed-Sun 11/10-21, at 8 pm, with added 10 pm shows on 11/5, 12 & 19. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market. SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

galleries

de Young Museum Golden Gate Park, SF. "Jacob Lawrence: the Frederick Douglass & Harriet Tubman Series of 1938-40," features 63 works portraying the lives of these important civil rights activists; on exhibit thru 1/2. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.
Oakland Museum: "Here & Now: Bay Area Masterworks from the di Rosa Collections," on exhibit thru 1/2. "Bay Area Sculptors II," at the Oakland Museum Sculpture Court at City Center (the museum's satellite gallery in downtown Oakl), features work by Philip Dow, Eddy Hood, Susan Marie Johnson, Seymour Locks, Zhee Singer, Charles Splady, Gale Wagner, Gerald Walburg & Suzanne Wilbroe; thru 2/12. Hrs: Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun noon-7 pm. 1000 Oak St at 10th (one block from Lake Merritt BART, five blocks from highways 880 & 980). Admission free unless noted. Info: (510) 238-3401.
Judah L Magnes Museum: "Shtetl Life," prints & drawings from 52 artists, including Marc Chagall, Chaim Gross, William Gropper, Ruth Weisberg & Solomon Yudovin, on exhibit thru 1/31. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 549-6950. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.
The Jewish Museum: Hrs: Sun-Wed, 11 am-5 pm, first Thurs of every month, 11 am-8 pm.
The Mexican Museum: "Gronk! A Living Survey: 1973-1993," works on exhibit thru 11/21. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm. Info:202-9700.
Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Eadweard Muybridge & the Photographic Panorama of SF, 1850-1880," on exhibit thru 10/24. "Brett Weston: Leaves & Lava," photos of Hawaii; thru 10/24. "Wendy Ewald: Retratos y Suenos/Portraits & Dreams: Photographs by Mayan & Mexican Children," 11/3-1/5. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-5 pm; 1st Thurs of every month, 11 am-8 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.
Alliance Francaise Gallerie: "Imogen Cunningham: Paris in the Sixties," works by the eminent American photographer, on exhibit thru 11/10. Mon-Thurs 10 am-8 p, Fri 10 am-5 pm, Sat 10 am-2:30 pm. Info: 775-7755.
Asian Art Museum: "Living Masters: Paintings by Chao Shao-An." Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs 65 & over, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Exhibit Hotline: 668-7855. General museum info: 668-8921. TDD 752-2635.
Bomani Gallery: "Aboriginal Art," exhibit of works reflecting Australia's indigenous culture. Work by contemporary artists Richard Bell & Paddy Forcham Wainburranga plus selected artists from the Oenpelli region of Australia. Show runs thru 10/30. 251 Post St, SF. Info: 296-8677.
Christensen Heller Gallery: Group show featuring porcelain masks by Martin Grantham, painted quilt hangings by Emmanuelle Curtet, fanciful furniture by Nadine Gay & Pierre Curtet and clay masks by Jane Fusek. 5831 College Ave, Oakl. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-6 pm. Info: (510) 655-5952.
Belcher Studios Gallery: "A Dual Exhibition," landscapes and still life photography by Ricardo Sander & John Bergholm, 10/26-11/12. 11/18-12/2, paintings & installation by Keith Hale, Evri Kwong & Kerrin O'Brien. 12/9-24, Group Christmas Exhibit by Belcher Studios. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Thurs-Sat, Tues & Wed by appt. Info: 863-8745 or 626-8917.
California Crafts Museum: "Glory Years of the Northern California Craft Movement, 1950-1975," exhibit runs thru 11/4. "Exploring the Use of Icons in Contemporary Crafts," holiday exhibit runs 11/20-1/2. Hrs: Daily, 11 am-6 pm. Ghirardelli Square, 900 North Point, Box 25, SF. Info: 771-1919.
Capp Street Project: "Enchanted Rooms," a series of sound environments by German sound artist Kurt Dahlke. On exhibit thru 10/30, Wed-Sat noon-5 pm. Performances begin on the hour. Closed Sat 10/23. "Relocation Stories," a multi-site, multimedia installation & performance work drawing on oral histories of Bay Area Native Americans. Installation on view 11/3-27 at Pro Arts Gallery in Oakland; artist presents a solo performance piece that complements the installation on 11/19 at Inter-Tribal Friendship House in Oakl and at Capp Street on 11/20 at 7:30 pm. Capp Street Project, 270 14th St at Mission, SF. Info: 626-7747.
Circle Gallery: Paintings & limited edition lithographs by Rene Grau, on exhibit thru 10/30. 140 Maiden Lane, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat, 10 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. Info: 989-2100.
Eye Gallery: "First Exposures: Youth Opportunities through Photography," exhibit by Bay Area homeless and at-risk youth. On exhibit thru 10/31, 7:30 pm, $5. 1151 Mission St btwn 7th & 8th, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 431-6911.
Falkirk Cultural Gallery: "Putting the Pieces Together," exhibit of patchwork quilts by a culturally diverse group of craftswomen, on exhibit thru 11/13. "100 Years/100 Pictures: Chronicles of One Man's Life," an installation exhibit by Susan Hyde Brand, portraying the life of a Russian emigre, Aron Tomaroff; thru 11/13. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm, Thurs till 9 pm, Sat 10 am-1 pm. Free admission, donations welcome. 1408 Mission Ave at "E" St, downtown San Rafael. Info: 485-3327.
Gallery on the Rim: "Branches of Art," wall sculpture by Andy Harader, on exhibit thru 10/29. "New Works," aluminun wall sculptures by John S Pashilk, on exhibit 11/1-28, artist's reception 11/4, 5:30-8:30 pm. 333 Third St, Ste 200, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 11 am-7 pm. Info: 543-7007.
Ghia Gallery: "Behold Her: Exploring Female Body Image & Beauty," exhibit presented by The Beauty Project, a group of women artists. Exhibit runs thru 10/30. 2648 3rd St at 23rd, SF. Info: 282-2832.
Joanne Chappell Gallery: "The Art of Fiction: Bay Area Book Illustration," on exhibit thru 11/8. Artists' reception 11/3, 5:30-8 pm. 625 2nd St, btwn Brannan & Townsend, Ste 400, SF Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm. The gallery will also be open 11/6-7 from 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 777-5711.
John Pence Gallery: Recent oil paintings by NY artist Jason Gaillard on exhibit thru 11/27. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.
The Lab Gallery: "High Noon," an installation by Chris Komater, on exhibit thru 11/6. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.
The Luggage Store Gallery: "Performance in the Gutter III," a dusk "happening of site-specific dance, music, video & poetry, and the unveiling of a new mural," 10/24, 3-7 pm. Outdoors on Cohen Alley, nr. Ellis, btwn Leavenworth & Hyde St, SF. For more info contact 509 Cultural Center Annex, 1007 Market St nr 6th, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 255-5971.
Maxwell Galleries, Ltd: "Landscape of the West: Paintings by Maynard Dixon & Other Western Artists," on exhibit thru 10/30. Hrs: Tues-Fri 9:30 am-5:15 pm, Sat 11 am-5 pm. 551 Sutter St, SF. Info: 421-5193.

parents & kids box



Remy Charlip moderates a panel discussion on "Writing Tolerance: Why Books for L/G Teens and Parents" at the SF Book Fair, Nov. 6.

Halloween Party for lesbian & gay parents & their kids, spons by Marin Lesbian & Gay Parents Group. 10/30, 1-4 pm. Newcomers welcome! For location & other info call 457-1115. Spons by Spectrum.
Halloween Harvest Festival: Fundraiser at First Unitarian Church of SF. 10/31, 12:30-7 pm. Country dancing, pumpkin carving, haunted house, vaudeville talent show, gaslight sing-a-long, trick-or-treat parade, homemade treats, handmade crafts. Tix $10 gen'l, $5 kids, $15 families, $7 srs. 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF. Info: 776-4580.
Annual "Choosing Children" SEminar spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. 11/1-12/20. Panel discussions every Mon evening on specific topics related to becoming a parent, and on the variety of choices possible in the creation of lesbian, gay & bisexual families. Fee: $12/evening or $79 for all 7 sessions, work exchange available, call 565-7674. Early registration strongly suggested.
Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program provides a wide variety of parenting resources, for details call 565-7674. 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF.
The Alternative Family Project provides affordable individual and family therapy services to non-traditional families in SF, especially families with gay, lesbian or bisexual members. Groups for parents with school-age children offered. Program is co-spons by the University of SF Center for Family & Child Development and the SF State University Counseling Clinic. Fees: $15-30 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 550-2621.
Randall Museum Programs: Workshops & classes for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm and last 1-2 hrs, sign-ups begin at 12:30, call 554-9600 for details. **Saturdays in Oct:** 10/23—**Monster Masks** w/Kemit Amenophis. Cut & fold tagboard & paper to form monstrous features on your own magnificient mask, perfect for trick or treat. 10/30—**Halloween Fest!** Experience the night-time magic of the infamous Nocturnal Gallery, creep thru the haunted tunnel—if you dare! Other horrific happenings include skullduggery, crafts, games, face painting and a Halloween feast to frighten your hunger away! Admission free. Event includes both fee & free activities, call 554-9600 for specifics. **Other Saturday Programs:** Free **"Animal Talk,"** at 2:15 pm every Sat. **Model Railroad Exhibit** 2nd & 4th Sat, 1-4 pm. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept.
Randall Museum Afterschool Classes: The museum offers many dynamic aferschool classes, including "Gizmos & Electricity," for kids ages 9-12, "Earthkeeper Kids," for kids ages 6-11, "Clowning Around," ages 5-7 and "Stage Puppets," ages 9-12. Parent/child classes (ages 3-6, with adult), teen ceramics classes & adult classes are also offered. Info: 554-9600.
Bay Area Discovery Museum offers a wide variety of classes & programs for kids & parents. 557 East Fort Baker, Sausalito. 332-7674.
Children's Progams at Ft Mason Center: **Make-A-Circus** offers participatory arts/social services, workshops, theater performances & community shows. Teens are encouraged to apply for the apprenctice program. Others services include "clown therapy." Bldg C. 776-8477. **SF Children's Art Center** offers classes for children ages 2-12 in drawing, printmaking & sculpture. Small classes ensure indiviaul attention. Pro-rated enrollment, drop-in classes & art birthday parties available. Bldg C; 771-0292. **Young Performers Theatre** features ongoing dramatic classes & productions for children ages 3 & above. Bldg C; 346-5550. **Jing Mo Athletic Association** Gung-fu for exercise & self-defense. Kids & adults. $35-25/mo. Bldg C. Call 753-1269 for further info.
Artfull Circle Theatre Fall program for Bay Area youth: Program explores the magic of theatre via theatre games, scene studies, choreographed movement, dance, mime & singing. Sessions held in Artfull Circle Theatre, a multifaceted wonderland located at 47 Waller St, SF. Sessions meet 3 times per week, students may take 1-3 classes per week. Fees start at $15 monthly. Call Robert Gardner 621-7305 for info/brochure.
Grandparents/Seniors Days at Marine World: Thru 10/31. All grandparents and seniors over age 60 get an additional $5 off the senior discount tix price, addt'l discounts for family members & friends are also available. Highlights for Oct include "Dinosaurs! A Prehistoric Adventure," "The Incredible Acrobats of China," and "Water Ski & Boat Show." Hrs: Wed-Sun, 9:30 am-5:30 pm. Gen'l admission: $23.95, $16.95 for kids ages 4-12, free for tots age 3 and under. Grandparents & seniors special rate is $14.95 (adv reg required). Info: (707) 644-4000.
Spirit Theatre Dance Studio Children's Cultural Arts Afterschool Program offers West African dance class for kids. Info: (510) 849-3232.
Golden Gate Boys Choir & Bellringers (GGBC) is accepting new members! Interested boys ages 7 & older with unchanged voices are invited to join thru 11/7. No previous musical training or experience is required. Rehearsal locations in San Francisco, Oakland, San Ramon & San Lorenzo. International tour & summer music camp offered each year. Info: (415) 431-1137 or (510) 887-4311.
Kids 'N' Clay Pottery Studio offers pottery classes in the Eastbay. Affordable, ongoing weekly classes for kids ages 7 & up. $14.50 per class, class size kept low to assure personal attention. For schedules & other info call (510) 486-1797. Located behind the North Berkeley BART Station. Adult classes also offered.
Kairos Youth Choir, a chorus of mixed voices for unchanged treble voices (ages 7-14) holds auditions for the 1993/94 season, thru Oct. Children learn musicianship & musical history, sing in foreign languages and varied styles of music, work with oustanding professional musicians, tour with Kairos, make lots of new friends! No previous musical training necessary. Call (510) 644-2299 for audition information.
For Kids at La Pena: 3105 Shattuck Ave nr Woolsey St, Berkeley; (510) 849-2572. Sat morning programs, 10:30 am, kids $2, adults $3. **Schedule—** 10/23: ***Colibri***, with Lichi Fuentes & Alisa Peres. 10/30: ***Plum City Players*** present a "not-very-scary Halloween party" with Annie, Bonnie & Nancy.
For Kids at Cody's Books: 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley; (510) 845-7852. **Schedule:** 10/23, 2-4 pm: **Connie Porter reads from her new books,** *Meet Addy: An American Girl* and *Addy Learns A Lesson: A School Story*, the two latest editions in her American Girl series.
Remy Charlip moderates panel discussion, "Writing Tolerance: Why Books for Lesbian/Gay Teens & Parents," at the SF Book Fair. Panel discusses books on gay & lesbian parenting, growing up gay & lesbian and other gay & lesbian issues. Panelists include local authors Rik Isensee, Cristina Salat and Hillary Mullins, also the publisher of Alyson Wonderland Books, Sasha Alyson. 11/6 at 3:30 pm. SF Concourse, corner of 8th & Brannan, SF. Info: 861-BOOK.
Safe Halloween Night program spons by Girl Scout Troop #1716 and the Pacific Rod & Gun Club. Games, costume contests, candy & haunted house at Pacific Rod & Gun Clubhouse, 520 John Muir Dr, SF. "Safe Halloween Night" is free and specifically intended for little ghosts & goblins under the age of ten. For info/res call 586-8349.
PLEASE NOTE: *Don't forget to check the Parenting sections of the Open Exchange Classifieds and the Resource Guide for more parenting resources.*

Robert Dana Gallery: "I Sing the Body Electric," paintings by Sarena Rosenfeld, on exhibit thru 11/7. 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. Info: 749-1849.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Nina Glaser: New York," photos of nudes exploring universal themes of life, death, love & alienation; on exhibit thru 10/23. "Tom Marioni: Color Photograms," on exhibit thru 10/23. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

Rob Gallery: Exhibit of new fetish work by Max Springer. 24 photos, drawings & oil paintings on paper portraying a leather-clad model using various fetish equipment. 22 Shotwell St, SF. Info: 252-1198.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: "Dress/Code," exhibit features 13 visual & 4 media artists examining issues of gender & identity; thru 10/23. "SF Jazz Festival," photos of jazz legends, organized by photographer Lee Tanner, 10/29-11/14. 155 Grove St, SF. Info: 554-9682.

SF Camerawork: "The Family Seen," exhibit of photos examining how the family is viewed by contemporary society & how the photographic image empowers the social & personal imagination of what constitutes a family. Group show of work by 19 artists. Panel discussion with contributing artists Abbe Don, Chris Johnson & Frances Stroh, 10/28 at 8 pm, $4/6. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 621-1001.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Unknown Africa: Selections from the Collection of Dan Crowley," exhibit of rare & unusual African art, 10/30-1/2. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

University Art Museum: "Visions of the Dharma: Images of Japanese Buddhism," thru 1/2. "Dennis Oppenheim: Land & Body Projects, 1967-1971," thru 1/2. "Richard Tuttle: Space/Sculpture," thru 1/2. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Victoria Room Gallery: "Finalism," a veracious show of photos, sculpture & text by Ramsey McPhillips exploring the beauty of loving his friends & family to death. Runs thru 10/23. Hrs: Sat & Sun, 1-5 pm; Thurs 4-8 pm, 180 6th St at Howard, SF. Info: 255-0364

Richmond Art Center: "John Haley: A Restrospective," thru 11/21. Hrs: Tues-Fri, Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

Erotic Sculpture by Harry Tanner on exhibit thru 11/22 at Jaguar Adult Books, 4057 18th St (in the Castro), SF. Info: 863-4777.

"Writing with Light," group photographic exhibit at Marathon Plaza, 303 2nd St, SF. Thru 12/1. Info: 777-5548.

Mixed media art by Virginia Bowen, on exhibit at Josie's Cabaret, 11/1-30, opening reception 11/6, 4-6 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

Dykes on Bikes: retrospective of photos of Dykes of Bikes from its inception to the present, curated by Jackie Smit. On exhibit at Eichelberger's Bar & Restaurant daily, thru 10/24. 2742 17th St at Florida (two blocks past Folsom), SF. Info: 863-4177.

"The Intense Warmth of Brazil," an exhibit of 17 color photographs by David Whitman, focusing on the children & young adults he met during recent visits to the states of Bahia and Rio de Janeiro. Thru 11/1 at The Musical Offering, 2430 Bancroft Way, Berkeley (across from UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall).

7th Annual Emeryville Art Exhibit, thru 10/24 at 4052 Watts St, off Park Ave, Emeryville. Hrs: 11 am-6 pm. Info: (510) 652-6122.

John LeFlore: Paintings & drawings, works in watercolor, acrylics, pen, brush, ink & pastel, on exhibit thru 11/30 at Hair It Is, 323 Geary Blvd, Ste 807, SF and at Milano Joe's Restaurant, 1175 Folsom St, SF, thru 12/10. Works also on exhibit at Cafe Encore, 488 Post St, SF, thru 10/30. Info: 433-6549.

"Gaia & Her Snake Sisters," works by Connie Butler on exhibit thru 11/21 at Quicksilver Mine Co in Guerneville. Info: (707) 869-9357.

21 photographs by David Bacon, on exhibit at Firenze Gallery thru 10/31. 2116 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

"Indian Territory Album: Roads of Relocation," ethnographic paintings by Manyi-ten, (NGED), of 13 tribes relocated to Oklahoma. Thru 11/20. Gathering of Tribes Gallery, 1309 Solano Ave, Albany. Info: (510) 528-9038.

Pedro Rafael Gonzalez-Chavajay: "Mayan Heritage Endures," paintings by Mayan Indian painter from Guatemala, on exhibit 11/1-30 at Farley's, 1315 18th St nr Texas, SF (Potrero Hill). Opening reception 11/2, 8-10 pm, artist also present on 11/6, 2-5 pm.

"Exploring Female," watercolors by Abigail F Linfert at live Art Studios, 151 Potrero Ave, SF. Thru 11/30. Receptions: 11/6, 7-9 pm, 11/28, noon-3 pm. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Sun noon-5 pm and by appt. Info: 285-6894.

On stage

Metropolis improv comedy group presents a panorama of unique characters, scenes & songs at Marina Music Hall. Sat, 8:30 pm, thru 10/30. Tix $8. Info/res: 563-2496. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, 2nd fl, SF.

Arthur & Leila by Cherylene Lee. Leila Chin-Abernathy is a pillar of the Chinese American community with a successful husband, wealth, prestige and just one problem—a blackmailing older brother. Play presents a humorous & delicate rendering of an odd yet symbiotic relationship between an aging brother & sister in search of their family legacy. Brava! For Women in the Arts production. Opens 10/30, runs Wed-Sun thru 11/21 at 8 pm, 2 pm Sun. Bayfront Theatre, Bldg B, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 776-8999. Tix $11-15.

Pageant, off-Broadway musical spoof of a beauty contest, produced by Alyssia & Audrey DiFilippo, continues its SF run at Post Street Palace Theatre, 450 Post St, SF. Play follows six finalists in the Miss Glamouresse Beauty Contest—Miss Industrial Northwest, Miss Bible Belt, Miss Texas, Miss Deep South, Miss West Coast and Miss Great Plains—as they attempt to qualify in evening gown, swimsuit & talent competition. Runs Tues-Thurs at 8:30 pm, Fri & Sat at 7 & 10 pm, Sun at 3 & 8 pm thru 10/31. Info/res: 989-SHOW.

Rhinoceros by Eugene Ionesco. Tragic & hilarious absurdist fable dealing with what happens as the inhabitants of an entire town are transformed into rhinos. An allegory alluding to the rise of fascism & the dangers of conformity. Open Egg Theatre production. Thru 10/31. For tix & other info call 673-1172.

Fortinbras by Lee Blessing. Hilarious comedy that begins with the final scene of *Hamlet* and weaves a comic web of suppositions about what might have happened if the Prince of Denmark had been succeeded by refugees from a Marx Brothers movie. Actors Theatre of SF production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, open-ended. 2 pm Sun matinee on 10/23 & 31. Tix $16 Fri & Sat eves, $14 all other performances. Tix $10. Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9182.

Delicate Pin Stripes by Mae Meidav. Uses humor, passion & feminist sensibility to reveal a bittersweet vision of a "desperate search for affection in a cold world, a search always translated into sexual desire, no matter how misguided." Subterranean Shakespeare production. Runs Thurs-Sat in October, closing 10/30. 8 pm. Laval's Subterranean Theater, 1834 Euclid Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 540-7743. Tix $10 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs.

The Experiment by Peter Owen Krause. Two-act black comedy about domination & responsibility. Set in a cruel institution, conflict revolves around a tormented doctor's struggle with the question of whether to save himself or the stripped & bound young woman on whom he must perform unknown experiments. No Budget Theater Co. production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, thru 10/30. The Fifth Floor Theater, 300 Brannan St at 2nd, SF. Info/res: 495-5362. Tix $7-10 SL, no one turned away for lack of funds.

A Midsummer's Night Dream by William Shakespeare. Shakespeare's best-loved comedy performed by an outrageous cast of 35! Shakespeare & Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, thru 11/13. Tix $15. First Congregational Church, Post & Mason Sts (one block from Union Square), SF. Info/res: 267-6165.

Shakespeare in the Park brings back the Bard's gender-bending, cross-dressing, outlandish comedy, **Twelfth Night,** playing Sat & Sun at 1:30 pm, thru 10/24. Free. Duck Pond Meadow (Lakeside Park), Lake Merritt, Oakl. Info/res: 666-2221.

We Were Dancing and **Red Peppers** by Noel Coward. The Noel Coward players perform two one-act plays from Coward's "Tonight at 8:30". Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, thru 10/23. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Ft Mason Center, Bldg C, SF. Info/res: 346-5550.

Mark Peters & Madame! A celebration of Madame's 75th birthday. She returns to the stage with her individual repartee courtesy of her new voice, Mark Peters. New Conservatory Theatre production. Runs Thurs at 8 pm, Fri & Sat at 7:30 & 9:30 pm, Sun at 3 pm, 10/24. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Lower level. Tix $12 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 861-8972.

How the Other Half Loves by Alan Ayckbourn. Comedy previews 10/8-10 at 8 pm, $10. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, $14, Sun at 8 pm, $10, thru 11/21. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

The Fatherless Sky written & performed by Albert Greenberg. A man searches for himself thru a kaleidoscope of identities—from streetwise city kid to a country & western singer to "the smartest Jew in the world." A Traveling Jewish Theatre production. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm, thru 11/7. Tix $12-30, stdnt, sr & group discounts. Pay what you can performances on Wed 10/27. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, SF. Info/res: 399-1809.

Lost Musicals Concert Series produced by 42nd Street Moon: *Adeline* plays thru 10/31; *DuBarry* plays 11/5-14. For showtimes, tix and other info call 861-8972. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF.

Get Lost (Again) Columbus, an opera featuring original music & libretto by White Cloud Wolfhawk Eagles Xochipillicueponi, with the voices & drums of the Blood Road Singers, Jennifer White Owl Jaguar & White Cloud Xochipillicueponi. A special performance in honor of the ancestors & calling for justice & world peace. One night only, 10/23, at 8 pm. Third Wave Theater, 3316 24th St at Mission, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 282-4020.

The Gondoliers by Gilbert & Sullivan. Lamplighters Musical Theatre production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 11/7. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic, SF. Info/res: 752-7755. Tix $22.

Independence by Lee Blessing. The prodigal daughter returns to Iowa home, sparking a series of events among her family that test the generational patterns of female dependence. Play examines issues of sexuality, family responsibilities, personal freedom & mental health. Little Bird production. Play runs Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 10/24. Tix $10. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.



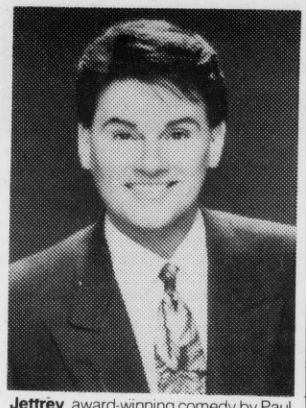
Giants Have Us in Their Books by Jose Rivera. Tales of love, sex & death: six magical fables for adults. Magic Theatre production. Ft Mason Center Bldg D, SF. Previews 11/3-6, opens Tues 11/9, runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm (no 7:30 pm performance on 11/14, no 2 pm matinee on 12/5). Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.

Merry-Go-Round by Elaine A Clark & Dennis Lancaster. Chronicle of one man's funny yet painful struggle to grow up & live in the dangerous world called adulthood. Danny is a "30-something" actor who performs only in children's shows, clinging desperately to his childhood. When that fantasy world is threatened, he is forced to choose between hiding behind his cartoon characters & accepting responsibility. Climate Theatre production. Previews 10/22-24 at 7 pm, runs Wed-Sat at 7 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm, thru 11/27. Tix $17. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

Mistiblu by Roberto Ramos-Perea, translated by Charles P Thomas. Erotic farce, a fantastic tale of obsession & the quest for eternal life. When Count Saint Germain refuses to give Misiblu, the elixir of eternal life, to an aging Casanova, Casanova enlists the help of rock star Madonna to exact his horrifying revenge. PM productions. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, 10/28-11/21. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St at Hampshire, SF. Tix $12-15. Info/res: 905-4605.

Exeunt Severally new comedy by Reed Kirk Rahlmann. Theatre Forte production. 10/28-11/20, Thurs-Sat at 8 pm. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa btwn Alabama & Florida Sts, 17th & 18th Sts, SF. Info: 882-1199.

Shoehorn! a collaboration between Idris Ackamoor & Wayne Doba. Play tells the story of the "salt & pepper" entertainment team and their struggle to survive as a unit despite the pressure of living in a society rife with racism. Runs 11/2, 11/4-7, 11/11-14. Tix $12 Tues & Thurs, $14 Fri & Sun, $16 Sat. Lorraine Hansberry Theater, 620 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 474-8800.



Jeffrey, award-winning comedy by Paul Rudnick. Show features acclaimed singer/character-actor Jim Bailey cast in the role of a stylish & witty interior designer. Provocative comedy about a young NY actor/waiter who vows to give up sex, then meets a bartender who may be the man of his dreams. Show opens 11/2. Tix $22-30. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St, SF, floor 2M. Info/res 433-9500 or BASS.

Endgame/Act Without Words I, two Samuel Beckett one-acts. Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Previews 10/29-30 & 11/2 at 8 pm, 10/31 at 7 pm. Opens 11/3 at 8 pm, runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, Sat matinees at 2 pm on 11/6, 20 & 18, Thurs matinees at 2 pm 11/11 & 12/2 & 9, thru 12/19. No performance on Thanksgiving Day, special added performance 11/22 at 8 pm. Tix $20-32.50. Info/res: (510) 845-4700. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison at Shattuck, downtown Berkeley.

Tales of the Sea four early Eugene O'Neill one-acts, set aboard the CA Thayer sailing ship docked at Hyde Street Pier, SF. Play is staged on deck, in the cabins below-deck, and on a second ship near the magnificent 1895 lumber schooner, blending memorable site-specific theatre with O'Neill's early works. Just So Productions. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm thru 10/24. Tix $24. Info/res: 431-1528.

Red Noses by Peter Barnes. Savage & witty comedy set in 14th century France during the time of the Black Plague. Toad Productions, Inc. Previews 11/11 at 8 pm, runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 12/5 (no performance on Thanksgiving Day, 11/25). Tix $10-12. Info/res: (415) 207-3371 or (510) 934-6782. SOMAR Theater, 934 Brannan St, SF.

Dead Marilyn: Mondays Always Get Me Down. Strange & explosive rock opera features Peter Stack alongsisde a wild four piece rock band. Every Monday in October at 9:30 pm, $2. Cafe Du Nord, 2170 Market St at Sanchez, SF. Info/res: 861-5016.

The Popul Vuh, theatrical adaptation of the Mayan myth of creation, in English & Spanish, by Luis Oropeza. Latin American Theater Artists production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, 10/28-11/28. Teatro Mision, 2868 Mission St, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, $5 srs, stdnts & children. Info/res: 695-6970.

The Last Time I Was You by Ruth Zaporah. Ruth Zaporah Action Theatre Ensemble production. Unique combination of solo & ensemble improv structures. Runs Fri-Sun at 8:30 pm thru 10/31 at The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

Agnes of God, incendiary drama by John Pielmeier. A young psychiatrist is appointed by the court to examine and evaluate the sanity of Sister Agnes, a young nun accused of murdering her own baby. Hillbarn Theatre production. Play opens 8 pm on 10/22, runs thru 11/13. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 349-6411. Hillbarn Theatre, 1285 East Hillsdale Blvd, Foster City.

Beach Blanket Babylon, SF's longest-running musical revue, highlights is customary zaniness with tap-dancing Christmas trees, take-offs on favorite carols & a colossal Yuletide hat. At Club Fugazi, 678 Green St, SF. Tix $17-40. Info/res: 421-6788.

Old Times by Harold Pinter. Searing examination of relationships & the nature of marriage. Tour de Force Theatre Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 10/30. Info/res: 359-6636.

Texas Chainsaw 90210, an production of the Sick & Twisted Players, SF's critically-acclaimed cult-comedy theater troupe. Feature-length horror spoof full of extremely dark humor and gory special effects (show features a different survivor each night!). Runs Fri & Sat at 9 pm, thru 11/6. Bernice Street Playhouse, 21 Bernice St at 12th, SF. Info/res: 863-5946.



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► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, 5 pm-5 am every night. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling HIV disease in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 558-6999. 1540 Market St, #320, SF 94102.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent: Support Group for men of African descent with disabling HIV disease or AIDS. Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, come together & share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & many other topics. Group meets Wed eves, 6-7:30 pm at 18th Street Services, 217 Church St at Market, SF. Spons by the Client Services Dept, SF AIDS Foundation. Info: 864-5855.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info call 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

Kaiser-San Francisco offers several HIV drop-in support groups: asymptomatic HIV, symptomatic HIV, AIDS, caregivers, women with HIV, multiple loss, HIV-negative men. For more info call Melissa Farley 202-2292.

Kaiser Oakland offers support & education groups on a variety of HIV issues. (HIV-positive gay men's group, HIV-positive women's group, public education forum, couples, family & friends HIV support group, potluck socials). All groups meet 6:30-8 pm. For days & other info call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6337. Childcare is available for some groups. For info on the monthly HIV forum call Joe Di Milia, HIV Health Educator, at 596-6848.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

AIDS Project of Contra Costa offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education & volunteer training opportunities. Info: (510) 356-AIDS. 2280 Diamond Blvd, Concord 94520.

San Mateo County AIDS Program provides HIV prevention services, testing & counseling, early intervention, primary care, social services, support groups, a drop-in center for people with HIV and clinical trials. Safer Sex Patrol volunteers do gay outreach. Multicultural. 3700 Edison St, San Mateo. Info: 573-2588, Mon-Fri, 8 am-5 pm. Volunteers are welcome!

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Health Center#1 offers an evening clinic for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, and find it difficult to go the doctor during the daytime. Clinic serves the Mission, Castro/Eureka Valley, Potrero Hill, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Monterey and South of Market areas of SF. Bilingual, multicultural staff, sensitive to the needs of women with HIV. 3850 17th St, SF. Info/appt: 554-9750.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: Offers groups, grief support & resource materials for partners, spouses, friends & family members of persons affected by HIV/AIDS. Intro sessions Thurs 7:30 pm. Weekly open house Fri 5-7 pm. Everyone welcome! 114 Douglass St, SF. Info: 861-0877

Home Care Companions, Inc offers free home care skills workshops for PWAs, their partners, family & friends. Get practical advice needed to help manage HIV disease at home. Licensed professionals teach the basics in a frank, positive atmosphere. The 5-evening course is offered monthly. Info/res: Celi Adams, RN 824-3269.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV+ Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Sex, Dating & Relationships: Ongoing group offered by GAPA Community HIV Project: For Asian or Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men who want to discuss these issues in an informal small-group setting. Group meets every 3rd Tues of the month at GCHP, 1841 Market ST, SF. 2nd floor. 7-9 pm. Info: Prescott 575-3939.

Asian American Communities Against AIDS: Provides counseling, referrals & case management services to the Asian/Pacific Islander communities in SF. Chinese, Pilipino, Japanese & Vietnamese individuals are encouraged to call & discuss issues around sex, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. Free & confidential. Info: 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Qi Gong Instruction offered at low charge ($1 per class) to SF residents with HIV/AIDS by the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Qi gong is a excercise/meditation practice from China which helps cultivate vitality & build endurance. Classe held Mon & Wed mornings, 11 am-noon at the ACTCM Community Clinic, 450 Conneticut St on Potrero Hill in SF. Instructor Charles Alston, LAc. Info/reg: 282-9603. Space limited.

Ongoing poetry workshop for HIV positive gay men. Thurs 3-5 pm. Info/location: Darrell 221-8779.

Stop AIDS Mtg for men 50 & older. Meet other gay & bisexual men your age at a free, one-time, informal meeting to talk about safe sex; confidentially share your feelings, ideas & knowledge about AIDS and the effect it is having on us. Meetings are pro-gay & sex-positive, and designed to show us that we can still carry on sexual relationships. Info/reg: 621-7177.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Place for healing one's heart & spirit, especially for people with life-challenging illnesses such as AIDS & cancer, and for their friends & families. Focus is on love, support & being real. Group meets Thurs at 7:30 pm at the SF Center for Living, 4054 18th St, off Castro, SF.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res. call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

The Hearing Society of the Bay Area provides services for people with hearing loss related to HIV infection. Group offers a hearing aid loan program, hearing loss & communication classes for people with HIV/AIDS, voc rehab, social work services, loans of assistive devices & other audiological services. Fees determined by income, ability to pay & eligibility for MediCal, Medicare or Dept of Rehab programs. Karen 693-5870 (voice), 834-1005 (TDD)

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consor-



Jewelle Gomez reads from her new book, "43 Septembers," at Old Wives' Tales on Nov. 4.

tium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free, objective info. Send self, addressed, 52 cent stamped, 9" x 6" envelope to Gustavo Wong, RD, POB 5681, Berkeley 94705-0681. Info: (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox therapy for alcohol/drug withdrawal for HIV-positive/PWA gay men. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

Pyramid Ridge Wellness Ctr: Scenic retreat focused on HIV healing. Offers private sessions & workshops. Uses effective energy technique that is non-invasive & non-biological. Fee based on ability to pay. Info: Carol Hannum (707) 869-0985.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation offers free acupuncture & herbal treatment to people of color with HIV. Mon-Fri, 12:30-2:45 pm. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Info: 822-8200.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

Free Acupuncture & Herbal Treatment Services offered by Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation, thru funding provided by the Ryan White Care Grant. Free services offered to HIV positive people of color. Individuals with a history of substance abuse are also welcome. Services for people with other medical problems are available at nominal fee. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 7 am-2:45 pm. Info: 822-8200.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers: HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease; Tues 5:30-7 pm, free; led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS, 3-month commitment required, call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info. Support Groups for people who have lost a loved one to AIDS—eight-wk groups are open to everyone, call 750-5718 for info/reg.

Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.

Positive Resource, Inc: Nonprofit job referral service for people who are HIV positive. Organization provides a pool of skilled personnel to corporations, small businesses & individuals who require temporary & permanent employees. Info: Dori 928-1448.

The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.

Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.

Veterans with HIV: You're not alone! Join fellow vets for an evening support group, camping trips & other social activities—free! Group meets at the VA clinic in Oakland, nr 12th St BART Station and all the bus lines. Both Eastbay & SF vets are welcome, the staff is very gay/lesbian-friendly! Info: Mike Rankin, MD (510) 273-7331.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Henry Ohlhoff Programs (SF & Marin) provide treatment for substance abuse & eating disorders in environments that are sensitive to the needs of gay men, lesbians & bisexuals. Residential services available for men, outpatient services available for women, men, adolescents & families. Info: Men's residential—621-4388 (SF), 883-2494 (Novato); SF/Marin outpatient—221-3354.

Discover Your Right Livelihood Group: Talk about career goals & interests in a safe, anonymous 12-Step environment. DA/ACA Right Livelihood Meeting. 6:45 pm Mon at the Dry Dock, 2118 Greenwich St at Fillmore, SF. On the 22 Fillmore & the 43 Masonic Muni lines.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) services for people recovering from drugs and alcohol, see Health.

18th Street Services helps SF gay/bi men with alcohol/drug problems get clean & sober. Group/individual counseling. 217 Church St at Market, SF. Info: 861-4898.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. This is a closed meeting, please call (707) 528-9216 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Free Drop-in Groups for lesbians, gay men and bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. Drop-in group for women meets Mon, 7-8 pm; drop-in group for men meets Thurs, 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral for substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern). 1853 Market St, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 TTY: 252-8376.

Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern) provides individual & group counseling for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. People with other mental health problems, who are taking psychiatric medications, and/or living with HIV, are welcome. SL fee, no one denied services because of inability to pay. For info/intake appt: 626-7000. TTY: 252-8376. 1853 Market St, SF. WA.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

The Oral History Project of the Lesbian/Gay Historical Society records on tape the lives & histories of lesbian, gay, transgender & bisexual people in SF & the Bay Area. Project also provides support for interviewers working on individual projects and coordinates group projects open to new volunteers. Training sessions in oral history interviewing held approx every 6 weeks. For more info call Lyndall or Nina No 626-0980.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: Umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

Bay Area Bisexual Women's Network: A loose network of bi women's groups around the Bay Area who offer support/discussion groups, spons wkshops & organize women-only events & social activities. For newsletter listing social activities & events as well as dates, times & discussion topics for support groups, write S, the Editor, PO Box 9388, San Rafael 94912.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets 7-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed of each month, and 5-7 pm on the last Sun. Info/location: Ingrid 775-2620.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bi-Support Group at Pacific Center/Walnut Creek: 1250 Pine St, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Eastbay Bi Women's Support Group: Share & explore in safety. Mon eves. Info: Jessie (510) 232-4972 or Renee (510) 841-2101.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.

Bi-Friendly UC: Rap & social group for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Eastbay Bi Women's Social Group meets at the Tea Spot in Berkeley on Thurs, 7-9 pm. Info: Judith (510) 528-5331.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Peninsula Bi-Guys group for men into male bonding, beach parties, massage, hot springs, houseboat trips, bicycling, hiking, dining out, theater, cards, games & great conversation. Info: Roger 369-1610 or PO Box 610071, Redwood City, 94061.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

Marin Bisexual Social/Support Group meets in Central Marin on 1st & 3rd Wed of each month. Interested men & women are welcome. Info: Larry 454-5638.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30 + especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

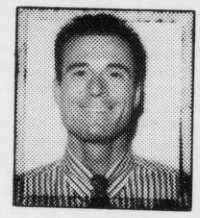
Jewish Bi's meet once per month for support/rap group. Alternate Eastbay/SF locations. Group does events for Jewish Bi's only, and also events for the entire Bi community & friends. Plus education on anti-Semitism & biphobia in the B/L/G communities and biphobia/homophobia education in the organized Jewish community. Info: Jim (415) 337-4566 or Susan (510) 528-7139.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

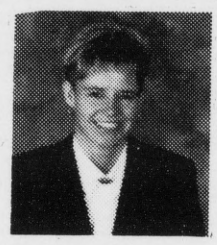
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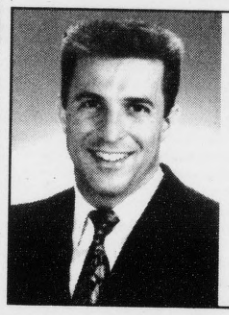
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► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Queer Literary Review: New bi-annual art & literary publication focusing on queer life seeks line art, poems, commentary & short stories. 5 poems max per submission, short stories limited to 3000 words. Submit copies of artwork, not originals. Anonymous submissions allowed, but discouraged. Include SASE for return of work. Mail submissions to: QLR, PO Box 60931, Palo Alto 94306-0931. Deadline: 10/31.

The Next Step: Out from Under, Volume Two—Call for submissions from lesbians who are "old-timers" in recovery, for a new anthology focusing on lesbians in recovery from a variety of addictions, with a focus on later stage (eight-plus years) recovery. Any style/format and recovery program considered. Send SASE for guidelines to Jean Swallow, OFU2 Editor, 2404 California St #27, SF CA 94115. Deadline: 11/1.

Bearing the Unbearable: Stories of Losing Loved Ones to AIDS: Submissions sought for an anthology edited by Leslea Newman, to be published by Crossing Press. First person nonfiction narratives in prose & poetry sought. Send SASE for writers guidelines BEFORE sending manuscript to: Leslea Newman, Bearing the Unbearable, PO Box 815, Northampton, MA 01061. Deadline: 3/15/94.

Listen To This... seeks stories, photos, art or journal entries for an anthology of real-life coming out stories of lesbian, gay, bi or questioning young people. Confidentiality assured. Write: Listen To This... 2215-R Market St, Box 112, SF 94114 or call 641-5896.

Queer Films/Videos Wanted by "The Voyeur Foyer", channel 51's new queer film & video show. Submissions sought for new series starting 1/94. Send material under 28 min and on VHS. Send SASE to Submit Films & Productions, 35 A Hoff St, SF. 94110.

Economics: Feminist/Womonist Theory & Practice for Survival in a Sexist System is the topic of the first issue of a new feminist/womonist writer's journal. Editorial commentary, short stories, poetry, reviews & illustration are welcome. Writing sought from supporters of radical feminism, lesbian/womonist rights & community-building, re-institution of the matriarchy and changing of our sexist & racist language as a tool of empowerment. Info: Suzanne (510) 540-7007.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Alternative Dyke Space offers fun & games, music, conversation, etc for women in an alcohol and smoke-free environment. For event schedule see Main Calendar listings. 4035 18th St, SF (one block from Castro).

Coming Home Hospice Bingo: Every Thurs at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. $12 buy-in/open 6/games 7.

Please check the "Hobbies" section for related groups.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

The Wellness Community: A free program of hope, learning & friendship for adults with cancer, and their families. Offers support groups, workshops, resource library & social events. SF & Eastbay. Info: (510) 933-0107.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox theraphy for alcohol/drug withdrawal. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Single Lesbian Dogwalkers Group for single gay females with dog(s). Come meet others! Meet 1st & 3rd Sun at 11 as at Ft Funston, near the hang glider's bench. Info: Freddi 757-0142.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by gay male model in intimate home/studio setting. Tues, 7-9:30 pm. 1229 Folsom St, btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Call 621-6294 for reservations. Inquiries also accepted from men interested in modeling.

Greening the Mountain: Work party group for residents of the Castro, Haight & Buena Vista neighborhoods (everyone welcome). Group removes invasive shrubs & weedy plants on the Corona Heights hilltop (one of the last remaining native grasslands in SF). Meet last Sat of each month, 10 am-noon on the front steps of the Randall Museum, off Roosevelt Ave btwn 14th & 17th Sts. Bring work gloves, liquids & snacks. Info: Tom 252-0651.

Men's Nude Drawing Group: For men who like to draw the male form. Members of the group draw & pose for each other. Wed, 7-9 pm, free. Info/location: 626-8349.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends; celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.

Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.

Quicktricks, America's only accredited lesbian & gay bridge club, offers 8-wk series of classes for beginners (you can start at anytime). Call 641-4355 for info.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual International Folkdancing Group meets Tues, 7:30-9:30 at Eureka Valley Recreational Center on Collingwood St in the Castro, SF. Learn mostly line dances from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Israel, Canada, Scandanavia, etc. Beginners are welcome! No partner needed. Teaching 7:30-, dancing 8-9:30. Info: Jim 585-9784. Group is about evenly split, male & female.

Gay Macintosh Users Group meets every 4th Mon: 7 pm social, 7:30 pm program. Nonprofit. Everyone welcome! New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 552-GMUG.

Amazon Sewing Circle Stich & Bitch Group: For lesbians and gay men in the Eastbay. Info: Boadecia's Books, (510) 559-9184.

Fremont Gay Men's Bowling League: See Sports.

Women: Like to read? Talk about books? Come share an informal potluck and book discussion. Women's reading group meets monthly on Sundays. Info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Battered Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders: 24-hr hotline, in-person counseling, restraining orders, support groups. Call CUAV 333-4357 (crisis) or 777-5500 (non-emergencey). Confidential.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

Epicenter Switchboard: Free, nonprofit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare, housing, youth services, legal aid, disabled needs, activists groups, employment, women's needs; lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services, crisis lines, parenting help, and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.

SF Rape Treatment Center: 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, biseuxal and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.

Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated*Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Lesbian Adoptees: For information on available resources, contact Amy Jane Cheney, 647-1492.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.

LYRIC Youth Talkine for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning youth (23 & under): Talk to other young people, get info on events & activities. SF: 863-3636. Bay Area: 1-(800)-246-PRIDE.

Pregnancy & Parenting Resource & Referral Talk Line: Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Get info on concerns & questions regarding pregnancy & HIV, as well as general parenting issues. Fridays, 1-7 pm. Call 565-7674.



"Breast Song," various performances at Red Dora's Bearded Lady, Oct. 22 & 23. Calendar has info.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a countywide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Thurs, 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors ACA Mtg: Women & men share all aspects of healing from ritual abuse. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info.

SIA: Unrestricted discussion with main focus on ritual abuse. Group meets every Mon, 6-7:30 pm at Pacific Center. Mixed group, m/f. Info: Tina (510) 845-1801.

Lesbian Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group meets weekly to share healing & support. Longterm group meets Wed eves. Free. Not a drop-in group. Call (510) 534-9928 for info.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by their male partners. For info, call CUAV 777-5500. Confidential.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

Peninsula Battered Lesbian & Bisexual Women Support Group: Free, confidential group offered by Support Network for Battered Women. Individual counseling & legal assistance also available. Info: Anne, Support Network for Battered Women, 940-7855.

Battered Lesbian Support Group for lesbian & bisexual women who have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused in their relationships. 8-wk group is focused on supporting women to begin the healing process & learn to have loving, safe relationships. Info/res: Alison McKenzie or Mary Lee Gates at Marin Abused Women's Services 457-2464.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Services for Battered Women: Counseling, referrals & support for women who have survived domestic violence. Free & bilingual (Eng/Span). Call Cristina at 552-2943 for info.

Servicios Para Mujueres Maltratadas: Consejo individual, recomendaciones a recursos comunitarios y apoyo para jujreres que han sobrevivido la violencia domestica. Servicios son gratuitos y bilingues esp/ing. Llame a Cristina a 552-2943 para mas informacion.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking coparenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.
Pregnant Now Group: Free group for lesbian singles/couples, who are pregnant now & want to meet for networking, support & fun. Info: Judy 821-9745.
Operation Concern offers psychotherapy for gay/lesbian families, families with gay/lesbian children (any age), blended families and mixed orientation couples. Call Saralie Pennington at 626-7000 ext 173 to schedule an appt.
Pregnancy & Parenting Resource & Referral Talk Line: Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Zebra Brigade: Social organization for Black and white lesbian couples. Mtgs in SF & Eastbay. For more info call (510) 528-9429.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Francine (510) 268-9087.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.
African American Lesbian Network meets in SF. For info/location call 824-8731.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
APBS: African American Designers: Collective of African-American fashion designers, see Professional Groups.
Free Acupuncture Services offered by Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation for HIV positive people of color, see AIDS Resources for details.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
Trikone: Support group for gay & lesbian South Asians (people of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan & Nepali descent). Meets 1st Sun of each month at 6 pm in San Jose. For more info write PO Box 21354, San Jose 95151-1354 or call (408) 270-8776.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.
AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Gay Latino organization committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. For mtg times & other info call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.
Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Social group meets monthly. Info: (510) 530-3473.
Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Young (510) 465-7394. for more information.
Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.
Vietnamese Lesbians' Group (VLG): Support group for Vietnamese lesbians & bi women, and Vietnamese women questioning their sexuality. Monthly mtgs, lots of food, fun & friends. Confidentiality respected. Info: (415) 575-3934 or (510) 676-3652.
Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.
Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Elliot 564-7199.
Iranian Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Group: Meet others like you, get support. Info: Hasha, PO Box 460 495, SF 94146-0495.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.
African-American Young Men: Discussion group spons by LYRIC, see Youth.
Bay Area Native Women Writers Circle for American Indian, Native Alaskan/Hawaiian, Canadian First Nations, and other international indigenous women writers—see Performance & Writing Groups.
Lesbians of Color Project of the National Center for Lesbian Rights welcomes interested lesbians of color to join the Lesbians of Color Community Advisory Committee. LOC Project provides free direct legal assistance, information & access to various lesbians of color communities. Info: Stephanie Smith, Lesbians of Color Project Coordinator, 621-0674.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call (510) 486-8984.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.
Bay Area Native Women Writers Circle for American Indian, Native Alaskan/Hawaiian, Canadian First Nations, and other international indigenous women writers who want to meet other Native women writers & share words and support, resources & knowledge about writing & publishing. Group is one of many regional writers circles forming, inspired by the "Returning the Gift" Festival of Native Writers. For more info, write Victoria Lena Manyarrows, 2440 16th St #146, SF 94103 or call 864-3538.
Jewish Lesbian Writers Group welcomes Jewish women of all ages, all levels of serious writers. Poor or working class, Sephardic, Mizrachi & Jewish women of color are especially welcome. Mtgs in the Eastbay, every other Mon nights. Occasional public readings & writing retreats. Childcare costs paid. Chem-free space, group strives for accessibility. Please do not wear scented products. Please do write & talk about writing. Info/location: (510) 540-5564 or (510) 465-1294.
Lesbian Writing Group welcomes feminists from all backgrounds who are committed writers & interested in attending a bimonthly writing group. Eastbay location. Info: Aja Duncan (510) 839-5689.
Novelists' Wkshop & Support Group: Meets Mon nights in SF. Women & men together. Submit 10 pages for review. Free. Info: Rita 824-9083 or Adrian 626-3129.
Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 540-7007 or JB (510) 601-8115.
Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. Queer artists, artists of color & activist artists are especially encouraged. Info: Claude 821-7931.
Mark i Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).
Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.
SF Fringe Riders perform country western dance routines at fundraising & gay/lesbian events throughout Calif. Membership in this all-women dance troupe is open to all women who demonsrate dance ability and are intersted in promoting country western dancing. For membership info call (510) 482-1830; for performance or other info call (510) 939-4406 or (415) 647-9670.
931 Cloggers: All-women's clogging team from San Jose. Group performs at rodeos, conventions, SF Freedom Day Parade and many other charity events. Info: Jaci Murray (510) 481-5101.
LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on an installation concerning Sappho, with other lesbian artists. Artists in all media & musicians are welcome. Lunchtime potluck & ideas exchange. Info/location: (510) 222-7989.
Lesbian Playwrights Group meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).
Just A Stage Lesbian & Gay Improv Comedy Theater Group: Wkly open workshops in improv with Just A Stage performers. New members are always welcome! Info: Ed 824-7929.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.
Transgender Nation: A diverse group of transgendered and non-transgendered people united in anger & resolved to directly empower all transgendered people by direct political action. For info call 586-6409 or write 584 Castro St #288, SF 94114.
Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.
Queers for Cuba works to fight US blockade of Cuba & build solidarity with Cuban people, especially queers & people with AIDS/HIV. Group informs queer communities about Cuba, while combatting homophobia within the solidarity movement. Group is inclusive of gays, lesbians, bisexuals & transgender people, and operates from the belief that the struggle for queer liberation must also be a struggle against racism, sexism & class inequalities. Meets 1st Sun & 3rd Wed of every month, 7 pm at 3382 26th St at Mission, SF. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94110.
ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.
ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.
GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.
GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.
GLAAD North Bay: Meets 2nd Tues of each month, 7 pm at Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Room #12, SF. Info: Kenny Altman 647-3055.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, & seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
Lesbian Avengers: Direct action group focused on issues vital to lesbian survival & visibility. Open to all women. Group meets Mon at 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. For info/location call 267-6195.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 541-5013.
Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic politics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.
Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.
Berkeley Women in Black: Weekly vigil for peace in the Middle East and against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. Non-hierarchical, diverse group of women who strive to build a non-patriarchal peace culture based upon the values of caring, equality and democratic empowerment. Meet Fridays from noon-1 pm at the corner of Bancroft Ave & Telegraph Ave in



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Berkeley, at Sather Gate. If possible, wear black. For more info write PO Box 936, Berkeley 94701 or call (510) 644-0480.

Classism Discussion Group for middle-and-upper-class lesbians meets monthly in Oakland. For time/location or more info call Elizabeth (510) 652-7729.

Lavendar Greens: Independent networking group of activist men & women that functions to foster environmental/Green values in the gay, lesbian, bi & transgender communities. Group meets in a variety of settings—monthly salons, group habitat restoration activities, etc—to share ideas & actively build/contribute to our communities. Info: Kai 282-6282 (leave message).

Whiptail Lizard Women's Collective: Dykes creating space for music, art, politics, meetings, hanging out & whatever else we want to create in the lesbian community. The Whiptail Lizard Lounge is an alternative, alcohol, drug and smoke-free community center in SF. All women are welcome! Open collective meetings every Sun at 7 pm at the Lounge, 4035 18th St, SF. For events & more info call 267-6979.

LAGAI (Lesbians & Gays Against Intervention in Central America), one of SF's most enduring radical queer groups. Group of lesbians & gay men working cooperatively & joyfully together to create revolution. Mtgs every other Mon night. For info call 664-9814 (eves) or write 3543 18th St, Box 26, SF 94110

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for gay men, lesbians & bisexuals in city planning & related professions. Bimonthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

APB: African-American Designers, a collective of African-American fashion dsigners seek other designers (clothing makers, textile designers, accessory makers, etc. Support groups, resource sharing, networking. Info: 207-6850.

National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA): The gay "j's" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.

GAYLESTA (Gay & Lesbian Therapist Association) of the Bay Area. For newsletter/more info call (510) 339-8077.

Forty Plus: Nonprofit organization of managers & professionals over 40 seeking employment. Meets Mon at 8 am at 7440 Lockheed St, near Oakland International Airport. Presentations by experts in job search or career change. Call (510) 430-2400. Orientation sessions held 10 am each Wed at Forty Plus, San Jose Center, 1250 Aviation Ave, SJ. Call (408) 288-3555 for details. Free. Newcomers are welcome! Info: (510) 430-2400.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

Lesbians Age-Related Eyesight Loss Group: Self-help group for older lesbians who are experiencing age-related eyesight loss. Group explores practical, social & emotional issues of eyesight loss & aging from a feminist perspective. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc for Visually Handicapped. Info: 221-3201.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA): See Support Groups.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Melting Pot Luck/Palo Alto meets monthly in our homes. All ages, males, females, singles & couples are welcome for neighborhood socials. Info: Bob 857-9079.

Melting Pot Luck/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Owl, 325-9266.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara or Judy (510) 528-9026.

Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets: Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Jewish Lesbian & Bi Women of the Southbay: Group meets bimonthly for social activities: potluck brunches, game nights, hikes, movies. Come schmooze, nosh & meet other Southbay Jewish women! Info: Joyce 965-8416.



Lesbian comic Suzanne Westenhoefer appears at Josie's Oct. 27-30.

Peninsula Bi Guys Group: See Bisexual.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Forties, an informal social club for gaymen in Santa Cruz County. Group holds a potluck on the 2nd Fri of every month. For info/location call Ramon (408) 423-1155.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics include: generation identity, PC, activism, racial issues, TV and gay & lesbian issues. SF location. Info: Raman 771-4291 or Erica 621-6946.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

Couples Club of SF Bay Area: Group supports positive aspects of gay & lesbian relationships by providing social & educational activities for same-sex couples. Info: Mark & Mike 242-0319 or Robin & Ro 731-8960.

Queer Deadheads gather for social events. For info/newsletter: Dave 285-6286.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Social group for women into good food & conversation about the arts. Meets 1st Fri of each month, SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.

Der Deutsche Freundschaftskreis, a German-speaking potluck social group meets on the 3rd Fri of each month. All levels welcome. Info: Don 329-1438.

Avis Au Public: San Franciscains emmenez votre etendard. Parlons Francais ensemble. Potluck chaque 1 vendredi du mois. Info: 431-6414.

Utne-Style Salon: Engage in substantial discussion of politics, art, spirituality, activism, humor, gaia, etc. Snobbery—no; real talk—yes. Women & people of color are especially encouraged. Meets twice a month. Info: Sheila 695-2968 or Mitchell 861-5673.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & 2nd Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Temple Sinai of Oakland congregation cares & welcomes everyone to services: Fri at 8:15 pm; first Fri of the month is a family service, held at 7:30 pm. Shabbat morning service at 10:30 am, preceded by Torah study at 9. 2808 Summit St, Oakl. Info: (510) 451-3263.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Hartford Zen Center: A Zen Buddhist temple in the heart of the Castro lesbian, gay, bi community. Zazen meditation schedule: morning & evening, Mon-Fri. Meditation & lecture Sat morning. Come learn Zen meditation, benefit yourself & others. Abbott Zenshin Philip Whalen. Info: 863-2507.

Dharma Sisters: Group for lesbian & bi women practicing or interested in any form of Buddhism. Weekly women's sitting, monthly meetings, special events, mutual support. All women are welcome! Info: 826-7990.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info call 974-9878, please leave your phone number.

Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 974-9878.

Tayu Center: a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern gay spiritual adept. Study groups meet 2nd Fri of each month at 7:30 pm in the Eastbay (776 Colusa Ave, El Cerrito), 3rd Tues at 8 pm in Marin (786 Marin Dr, Mill Valley) and last Tues at 8 pm in Sebastopol (898 Daniel St). Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Women's Spirituality Circle: Eastbay. Tues 7:30 pm. Free. Info: (510) 444-3337 or (415) 648-7592.

Imaging the Goddess as a personal, political & fun action. Make a unique politicl statement, explore your creativity & connections to strong images of wimmin. Free wkshops offered throughout Spring, all wimmin welcome, art-phobics especially encouraged. Eastbay & SF locations, call (510) 655-2179 for info.

J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Dialogues are held every Mon in SF. Call (415) 469-0606 for time, location & other info.

Unitarian Universalist Church: Sun services at 11 am. Potluck every 2nd Sun. Congregation working toward becoming an intentionally welcoming community to lesbians, gays & bisexuals. 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF.

Walnut Creek Interweave, a chapter of Unitarian Universalists addressing concerns of gays, lesbians, bis, TV/TS & straight allies meet last Sun of each month at Mt Diablo Unitarian Universalist church. 12:15 pm, after the 10:30 am service. Info: Alison (510) 228-0323 or Claudia (510) 937-7566.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

First Baptist Church, Berkeley welcomes and affirms lesbian, gay & bisexual people in all lay & professional ministries. Small, friendly, energetic congregation. Worship services Sun at 10 am in the chapel at the corner of Dana & Durant, Berkeley. Rev Esther Hargis, pastor. Info: (510) 848-5838.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

First Congregational Church of Christ: Post & Mason Sts, SF. A Church "open & affirming" of all people, with active lesbian & gay members involved in all levels of church life & worship. Info: 392-7461.

St John's United Church of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 1 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 861-2934.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of born-again Christian gays & lesbians reaching out with a message of Christ's resotring love to all people. Worship service Sun at 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Bible study Tues at 7:30 pm at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 208 Dolores St, SF. Info: Call 563-2973, or write Box 14462, SF 94114.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Icon Orthodox Fellowship: Support group by & for gay & lesbian Orthodox Christians. HIV-positive people are especially welcome. Info/brochure: 673-6729, 11 am-7 pm.

Saint Raphael's Liberal Catholic Church: An apostolic church based on theosophical ideals & freedom of thought. Homage to Our Lady held every Sun at 9:45 am, mass at 10 am. Services held at 220 Danvers St at Caselli, SF. Open communion. Everyone welcome. Info: Rev Martin Nowinski 550-1576.

GLAD (Gay, Lesbian & Affirming Disciples/Christian Church) meet the 3rd Sun of each month at University Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte Ave, Berkeley. 4-7 pm. Potluck. Info: (510) 644-1823.

Affirmation: Gay & Lesbian Mormons meet every Sun at 5:30 pm at the Pension Hotel, 1668 Market St between Van Ness Ave & Market Sts, SF. Come meet queer Mormons in a social support group not affiliated with the LDS churchb. Info: (415) 641-4554 or (510) 658-1839.

► SPORTS

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Sun 9 am, Dolores Park. Info: Jim Durkin 863-0954.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Greg (510) 482-4391, Roz (510) 939-3579 or Bill (510) 528-0339.

Baylands Frontrunners: Social and running/walking club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Southbay & Peninsula locations. Men & women welcome. Group meets every Sat at 9 am at the Baylands Athletic Center in Palo Alto. For more info call (408) 984-4076.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See cal-

endar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys while hiking, biking, camping, etc; or for informal social gatherings. No membership fees. Info: 927-3827.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 281-5666 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

0Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Practices: Thurs at 7 pm, Sun at 12:30 pm. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.

Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 238-9406 or Allen/Southbay (408) 774-9967.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.

SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 431-1933.

Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets every month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! For meeting dates & other info: 905-6267.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Rugby: Bay Area women's rugby team welcomes new members. Info: 621-3871 or 854-3819.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 695-9056 or 863-2789.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Kenpo Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 731-7560.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Wing Tao Mobility Arts: Ongoing classes in Kung Fu for women, children & men. Info: (510) 652-5280.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.

Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players social group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women: All women size 16 and up are welcome to come boogie! Mon & Wed, 6-7 pm; Sat 11 am-noon; at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. SL donation negotiable. Info: 337-6379.

Fremont Gay Men's Bowling League: Sign-up for this friendly men's league. All skill levels, from beginner to advanced, are encouraged to participate. Call Mark (510) 797-6997 for group mtg times & other info.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by male partners—see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: See Hotlines & Referrals.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Hidden Disabilities/Chronic Pain Support Group for Women. Free. Leaderless. Eastbay location. Info: Dana (510) 658-0826.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.

50s Support Group: Leaderless Eastbay group for feminist lesbians in their 50's (late 40's OK) to share stimulating talk, idea sharing, interesting activities, mutual support. Info: (510) 848-1654.

Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Married & Divorced Men's Group meets Thurs eves in Palo Alto for social/support. Heterosexual, bisexual & gay men are welcome. Info: PO Box 1153, Palo Alto, 94301.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.

Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.

SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.

Peninsula FLAG: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.

Woman-to-Woman SM: Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.

The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.

MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance) at UC Berkeley spons support groups, socials and other events for members of the UC Berkeley and UCSF communities. Info: (510) 642-6942.

Former Jehovah's Witnesses: Support/social group for women who were former Jehovah's Witnesses. Info: 703-7147.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.

Jewish Family Service of Santa Clara County offers "Kavod" ("respect" in Hebrew), a counseling & education program that is sensitive to the needs of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & our families, with special outreach to Jewish clients. Support groups are also available on coming out, parents of gays & lesbians and Jewish identity. Fee subsidies available. For info/reg call Karen Belford, MSW, Kavod Project Director: (408) 399-2202.

Gay Men's Coming Out drop-in group spons by Operation Concern meets Tues 5:15-6:15 pm, 1853 Market St, SF. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman. Info: 626-7000.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!



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Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

Transgender Nation: See Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social, recreational & support activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. For info about activities or to talk to young people call 863-3636 (SF) or 1-(800)-246-PRIDE (outside SF). LYRIC's business number is 703-6150.

Pride & Prejudice: Education/social group spons by LYRIC & LYFE. A welcoming group for the queer youth community, offers education & social events to introduce youth to pertinent community issues, meet friends, learn more about queer life, and have fun! Tuesdays, 6-8 pm at 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. Info: Elisabeth 565-7681.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: Call Felicia at LYRIC 703-6150.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Tues, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 863-3636.

After-School Recreation Group for young people age 18 & under: Includes discussion, biking, hiking, camping, tennis, photography, self-defense class, movie nights. Info: Kathy at LYRIC 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Contra Costa Youth Group for gay, lesbian & bi youth, ages 21 and under. Group meets Sat at 5:30 pm at Pacific Center in Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Voices of Pride Sexual Minority Center in Oakland provides support services to gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning youth, ages 23 & under. Drop-in counseling on Tues, 3-5 pm. Facilitated peer support group Sun 3-5 pm. Info: (510) 530-8529 or (415) 533-4026.

InsideOut, a lesbian/gay youth newsmagazine, holds weekly mtgs, Thurs at 6 pm. If your're 23 & under and interested in the journalism or publishing industries or just want to get your work published, you're welcome! For more info call 985-5243 or write InsideOut, PO Box 460268, SF 94146. Youth-run paper.

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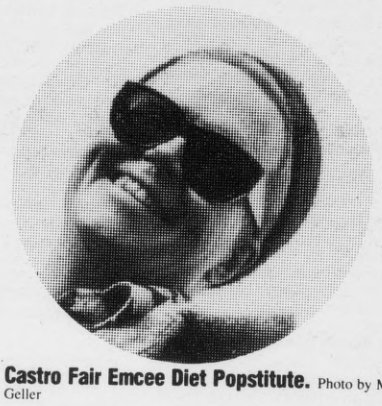
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beat this by don baird

Who Invited These Clowns To Our Fair?

Although many of you attended the Castro Street Fair this year, I bet most of you weren't aware of the fact that the final street fair of the season was celebrating its 20th anniversary. I know, the Folsom Street Fair was the very weekend before, and a huge spectacle of an event it was, dwarfing the Castro Fair in size and in basic enthusiasm. The lack of brightly burning sunlight on Castro put a bit of a damper on the day, already dimmed by the previous weekend's excesses. For our fourth year in a row, Nancy Kravitz (fresh from her post as stage manager at the Folsom Street Fair) and myself booked eight hours of varied talent indicative of our rainbow-colored community, to entertain the throng gathered at the Gay Israel, Castro Street. For many reasons, this was our last time doing that, and the last time either of us will do anything for the Castro Street Fair Committee and its infamous tyrannical leader Mr. Rick Slick, aka Rick Thomas.

The most heinous action that led us to sever all dealings with the CSFC I'll get to soon, but for now let's talk about Rick Slick. The man is just plain rude. I remember when Nancy and I first met with him and other board members over four years ago. We had been recommended by Bill Hunt, who resigned that booking position and his board membership and warned us we were about to enter a pit of vipers. Thrilled with the honor of that responsibility—booking six hours of stage time for the community—we weren't scared. Our first-ever Fair day featured as emcee the late great Doris Fish, whose health was beginning to fail and whose presence made for the moments I'm most proud of in my entire four years of doing this. On that day, when Doris was changing into yet another gown in the makeshift cheapo dressing area with no mirror, a gust of wind blew over this tacky Cost Plus Chinese folding partition, exposing the half-clad, slightly chilled Fish. Rick jumped up, bellowed something about that partition belonging to him and rushed over to fold it up and put it away, muttering something about not letting his things get ruined. Mortified, we promptly told him Doris needed some privacy to change and not to worry, that fabulously tasteful item he brought from his own home would be just fine and undamaged at the day's end. I remember noticing how polite I was in offering that reasonable solution, bearing in mind how much I wanted to plant that room divider right square up his ass. Don't fuck with the changing area of a true show biz legend. You'd think after 17 years of doing the street fair he'd use good manners in handling performers, especially someone as revered as Doris, one of SF's grandest drag queens.



Castro Fair Emcee Diet Popstitute. Photo by Marc Geller

So, why was the man with experience so unspeakably rude and insensitive to a pillar of our community and her particular needs? There's not a fag in the world who wouldn't have propped that thing back up and cooed a word or two of comfort and even offered the coat off his back—but Rick didn't. Which brings us to yet another mysterious detail about him and the entire CSFC: with the exception of Scott Smith, they're all straight white males! Yes, it's true. And at the risk of sounding bigoted or heterophobic, what the fuck is a group of straight white males doing organizing a celebration for the gayest street in the world? Is that the perspective that best represents our community? I think not. Personally, I think hetero involvement can be and is a blessing in our community, useful in many regards, and possibly educational, but not if the heteros involved are assholes, and not if the group governing such an event is almost completely straight, white and male. Does a committee of five drag queens and three leathermen plan the Union Street Fair? No, but I bet some closeted queen is in on it somehow, frustrated and sobbing into a glass of Sutter Home Zinfandel while contemplating the rolfing booth.



Phil Ford backstage at the Castro Street Fair. Photo by Marc Geller

THE STRAIGHT WHITE MALE STAMP OF APPROVAL

Rick Slick as head honcho of the CSFC was a big jerk from our very first meeting. You'd think after all those years there'd be some sense of teamwork put into play to pull this event off. One person with a sense of leadership, coordinating a group with a common goal. Well, it wasn't like that with the Castro Street Fair. First we were grilled on just what it was that made us, two freaky strangers, qualified to book such a big event. Gee, I don't know, I've been a music writer in the local press for years and Nancy ran a rock 'n' roll dyke bar that booked live bands, is a musician herself and has even been a fucking roadie. I mentioned also that we had talked to internationally renowned vocalist Jimmy Sommerville—former leader of Bronski Beat, gay icon, who actually performs a remake of the Sylvester hit, "Mighty Real"—and Rick had never even heard of him.

Closer to the date of the fair, Rick, who had reserved the right to take a half-hour band slot in the middle of the day just in case some major big name he was working on was able to show, finally announced that Buddy Dylan would be playing that set. Who was that? We all wondered. When the time rolled around, out came Rick Slick accompanied by Fee Waybill of the Tubes (Wow, they're really good friends! Cool! He can have as many sandwiches as he wants backstage!), and some other guys wearing cowboy hats and acoustic guitars, and they proceeded to play a sloppy set of pure crap that sent the entire crowd running from the stage, breaking the momentum Nancy and I had tried to build. I was too embarrassed to watch this wretched display of substandard entertainment, by the man who feared that Nancy and I might not be able to present quality acts for such a grand community event.

For the past four years Nancy and I have done our best to provide a variety of entertainers, and this most recent fair was in some ways our best lineup to date, because it was the 20th anniversary of the CSF and we wanted a group of acts that represented the gay community yet also paid respect to some entertainers who have been performing in this fair city for many of those last 20 years. The emcees, Diet Popstitute and David Hawkins, were chosen because they host many a great act at Klubstitute, a place where so much local talent has gotten its start, plus they have a definite respect for the individuals who have paved the way to their fore, and they're honest and tell the truth. Performers that day, including Justin Bond, Bambi, Robbie D., Stone Fox, Spokepoker, MC Koffy Brown and Pearl E. Gates were all over the spectrum of artistic expression, touching on the past, present and future. I'd also like to add that they all performed for free, which is the policy for the fair. Only the emcees were paid for their services. I found it very unfortunate that Rick Slick, at times in the past, has acted like a big jerk when asked to write those checks at the end of the



day. I also found it very upsetting that the first three entertainers listed above had the plug pulled on their sets before they were finished and that David and Diet were treated rudely right from the start. They wasted no time getting really honest and telling the crowd in a very special, witty and sarcastic way just how heinous the CSF really is. God love 'em.

The cantankerous hypocrite takes so much pride in his job that he came onstage only once, to mention the passing of the Kozmic Ladye and make a snide comment about the lesbians down front who had torn up the potted flowers on the edge of the stage. How anal-retentive this guy is! I'm really glad Dennis Peron got onstage and spoke positively about the fair in relation to the previous 19. Someone needed to focus on the simple facts that it was an anniversary and Harvey would approve if he were still here. It was eloquent and needed to be said, but apparently the man who has organized the fair for 20 years isn't, shall we say, proud enough of this achievement to grab the microphone and say a word or two. And do you wonder why? Modest perhaps? I doubt modesty is a quality you'd find in a person who calls himself Rick Slick. By the end of the day I was pretty clear on what his nickname truly implies.

One of my favorite moments came when Justin Bond as Kiki Durane, after being stopped at the intro of her third song and told to leave the stage, said into the microphone, "The next time you're asked to play for free by *dickheads*, just say no!" I say ditto when they ask you to book a stage for them, even though Nancy and I were paid for our work, and not enough considering the several months we put into it. When our checks came in the mail, Nancy's included a short note informing her that her services would not be needed next year. Nancy has always done most of the work while I merely assisted and consulted, so we were perplexed by this. Then we remembered: there are no females on the committee at the present time. Perhaps they like it that way. Well, I'll just say no. Or rather, I'll just say no, thank you. ✿

food

BY WILLIAM FINKLE

Hearty Soup Kitchen in the Valley

"Come to me when your stomach is in uproar, And I will restore you."
—Motto of the first soup kitchen

Suppenkuche means "soup kitchen," literally translated, but the German idea differs from ours, or perhaps our concept grew out of the original. First located in old French monasteries, soup kitchens were redefined by the Germans as places known to serve honest, wholesome food at low prices. Because monasteries produced their own beer and wine, those were cheap too.

Owners Thomas Klausmann and Fabrizio Weist sought to recreate the *suppenkuche* of their beloved homeland, and the result is a splendid, homey place. At the corner of Hayes and Laguna, a pretty rough corner at that, the cheery yellow building greets crowds of hungry and thirsty guests each night. Sparse furnishings include Amish plank pine tables, straight-back Shaker chairs, and wonderfully wide banquettes that run along two walls of the one large room. Inset into one wall is an alcove large enough for three tables, where a painting of a stern grandmotherly type frowns down from on high. Chiseled wooden crosses, sprays of dried flowers and a trio of dwarfish Bavarian hats hang from the white walls below a lazy arched ceiling, adding a faintly Catholic touch. The blond, unfinished tables are adorned with sweet little colored daisies and saint candles. Windows everywhere are stenciled with the Suppenkuche logo—a steaming bowl of soup—and are offset by racing-green trim.

Laughter and animated conversation make up for the dearth of color or refinement of detail. Guests choose from a wide selection of regional German beers and will soon be able to drink from their own *stein*, purchased once and kept behind the bar for future visits. A stein is a metal, or in this case ceramic, beer mug with a hinged lid to keep the beer cool and flies and chestnut blossoms out, or at least that was the idea in the German biergartens where the mug originated. An eclectic array of music played throughout my visit, jumping from a tuba's oompah-pah to the Four Tops to Baroque chamber music. I liked the flexibility. I liked the decor. I was ready for some good food.

However, I was in for a wait. Service was undeniably slow, although gracious and charming as could be. Could it be this place is just not prepared for the throngs of hungry guests that arrive? And then there's the smoking problem. Yes, problem. We requested a nonsmoking table, and were seated at a large table which we shared with a couple, halfway through their meal. I like the communal concept. But the folks at tables on either side of us were smoking. When asked if anything could be done about the haze and stink, our server informed us that opening the windows would only cause other patrons to complain about the cold air rushing in.

Now, I'm a smoker (at least this week) and I just don't enjoy smoking a cigarette in a public place if I have the guilt of knowing I'm disturbing someone else's good time. That's why I was particularly annoyed by the attitude of one of the owners and his table of friends, who sat in the designated non-smoking section puffing away continuously only one table away from mine. The owner tells me his place is a respite for the smokers.

Clearly this is a problem. I'm not sure if Supervisor Alioto has the right answer, but something must be done at Suppenkuche if non-smokers are meant to enjoy a meal there.

Frische Erbsensuppe ($3/$4.50 with sausage), or fresh pea soup, was a telling dish. Warm and

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soothing, the thick green soup held rounds of meaty bratwurst and tasted strongly of white pepper. **Mixed Salad German Style** ($3) defines what I think of as a European salad. Mounds of grated beets, thinly sliced turnips, and chunks of tomato were sprinkled with vinegar, and several leaves of butter-leaf were tossed in a creamy nondescript dressing, everything served at room temperature, the way a salad ought to be served.

Lauchkuchen mit Frischer Tomatensauce ($7), or puff pastry with leeks, Gouda cheese and fresh tomato sauce, brought a slab of a soggy pastry filled with eggs, and green and red peppers, and tasted like a German chile relleno, uplifted by a zesty tomato-herb sauce to make a fine appetizer. **Huhnerbrust in Boullion mit Meerettichmayonaise, Gemuse und Kartoffeln** ($9.50) translates as chicken breast in bouillon with horseradish mayonnaise (of which none came), vegetables and potatoes. Here a poached double breast of chicken came tender and juicy, surrounded by soft, sweet carrots, peeled half potatoes cooked in saffron water, and a thin mild sauce. I loved this dish, although it didn't thrill my dining partner, but it was the simplicity of the dish I loved. Suppenkuche excels at this sort of thing.

That most traditional of dishes, **Sauerbraten mit Frishcen Spatzle und Salat** ($10.50), turns out three hefty slices of braised, red-wine-and-vinegar-marinated beef in a rich, spicy gravy with juniper berries, and makes a warming, rich meal, paired with fresh curly noodles fried briefly in butter. A pork *schnitzel*, or cutlet, with mushroom cream sauce and noodles, the **Jager Schnitzel mit Spatzle un Salat** ($11.50) is also a fine value: The pounded cutlet swims in an earthy sauce of shiitake and domestic mushrooms, and the fresh *spatzle* is the perfect foil to ladle up the sauce.

Be sure to notice which dishes come with salad before you needlessly end up with two or three plates of the same salad. All in all, Suppenkuche's food leaves little to be desired. Hearty, well-portioned plates satisfy the palate and the pocketbook, while the attractive, low-key atmosphere feels unusual enough to be fun. ✿

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Jungle Red

Hottest ticket in town—judging by the standbys hoping to get in—is the tuneful and deliciously bitchy *Jungle Red,* the drag musicalization of *The Women.* It's a free-wheeling, skillful adaptation of both Clare Booth Luce's Broadway hit and the 1939 movie version featuring Joan Crawford, Norma Shearer, Rosalind Russell, Joan Fontaine and Paulette Goddard. The creative team of artistic director Wayne Buidens, composer Mark Sargent, and co-directors John Karr and Alan Sawyer has utilized the best of both... with music.

Not that this irreverent quartet hasn't added a few original witticisms. In an early scene, a hairdresser remarks of the Countess de Lage, "One more permanent and she won't have a hair on her head." "She's got enough on her chest," the manicurist volunteers. In a later scene at the dressmaker's, husband-stealing Crystal (the Joan Crawford role) exclaims incredulously, "A $300 dress on a *wire* hanger!"



Ann Drogynous, Miss X, and Janet Fly in the drag musicalization of "The Women." Photo by Bilig Douglas

Jungle Red (the fingernail polish of choice) opens with each of the women making her entrance with the animal mask of her character: Gossip Sylvia (Donna Sachet) is the cat; sweet Mary Haines (Birdie-Bob Watt) is the doe; Crystal (Miss X) is the Leopard; pregnant Edith (Richard Sanchez) is the cow; the Countess is a monkey; and silly Peggy (Trauma Flintstone) is a lamb. There you have it—a living tableau of Edward Hick's Peaceable Kingdom, coiffed and dressed to the hilt, and ready to draw blood.

Mary, in her Norma Shearer hairdo and perpetually quizzical expression, sets the tone with her first solo, "Why Does a Woman Fall in Love?" Immediately thereafter Crystal prances through *her* big number, "Jungle Red," backed by two giant red fans, and we get a pretty good idea of why men fall in love.

I particularly liked the witty, "Exercise Waltz," sung by Sylvia, Peggy and Edith to the whip-lashing tempo of their aerobics instructor (choreographer Kate Simonton). Little Mary (Ann Drogynous), learning of her parents' imminent breakup, wreaks some havoc of her own in "My Old Bedroom."

Suddenly, just like in real life, everybody's getting a divorce. Mary, Sylvia, Peggy, the Countess and Miriam indulge themselves in a cross-country song-and-dance called "Going Out to Reno." "A Man Is a Man" is a winning number for chorus cutie Miriam (Ann Drogynous again), giving her the chance to show lots of leg. Miriam is going to marry Sylvia's husband as soon as their decrees are final. Mary meanwhile runs the gamut of facial expressions when her husband calls to say he's marrying Crystal. This elicits a savvy bit of advice from Sylvia: "You gotta lick her where she licked you, sister, and that's in bed," and Sylvia then sings "Trust Me." The much-married Countess warbles "Toujours L'amour," and kisses off her current cowboy lover who, according to Miriam, "Could crack a coconut with his knees, if he could ever get 'em together."

Jungle Red continues its open-ended run at the Artfull Circle Theatre. Call 626-KILL.

Sweet Charity

New artistic director Brooke Knight closed the Peninsula Civic Light Opera season with her local directorial debut in a classy revival of *Sweet Charity.* The 1966 Broadway hit featuring Neil Simon's book and Cy Coleman and Dorothy Fields' score is still a frothy package of comedy situations, jazz song-and-dance numbers and sweet ballads.

Based on Fellini's Oscar-winning *Nights of Cabiria,* the story of an innocent, perenially hopeful prostitute, the musical version spared American matinee audiences some of the harsher realities of the original. Still a born loser, Charity Hope Valentine is now a dance hall hostess who falls in love too easily and too often.

From the first moment Sweet (but not-too-bright) Charity gets pushed into Central Park Lake by her purse-snatching "fiancee," she's got the whole audience rooting for her. This giddy, wide-eyed Charity is Sara Pedri, new to the Peninsula musical comedy scene. Her voice is bright and, suitable for the role, a touch brash, and her dancing is superb. She has all of the strutting pizazz of both Gwen Verdon and Shirley MacLaine, of the Broadway and film versions.



Sara Pedri and Jim Kason in the comedic musical "Sweet Charity."

Staged with the same breathless energy of Bob Fosse's original, director Knight's comedy scenes, particularly in Vittorio Vidal's apartment and later in the stalled elevator at the 92nd Street "Y," are brilliantly timed. Jim Kason, as the Italian star Vidal, delivers just the right balance between self-importance and genuine feeling, and Curt Branom as Charity's new but reluctant "fiance" is no less than terrific. Molly Donahoo and Victoria Spicer are particularly fine as hostesses at the Fan-Dango Ballroom ("Where girls have to defend themselves to music"), leading the line of footsore co-hostesses through a pseudo-seductive "Hey, Big Spender," and later appear in an exquisitely sweet duet, "Baby, Dream Your Dream."

Musical direction by Gregory Van Sudmeier. Choreography, a remarkable re-creation of the Fosse original, by Berle Davis. The set was borrowed from the San Bernardino CLO production.

Man's Best Friend

Joe Tramontana, author of *Just for You, Baby,* an incisive study of the ubiquitous nature of evil, tackles the philosophical and less dramatic theme of Art as Truth versus Commercial Art as Prostitution in his new play, *Man's Best Friend.*

Set in a SoMa loft, the play is peopled with characters similar to those we might find in a Mamet drama about Tinseltown. Unfortunately Tramontana's people are not propelled by Mamet's sure-fire, explosive dialogue. Directed at a Chekhovian pace—with pauses that are less meaningful than perplexing—confrontations that should reveal a compulsive drive for success misfire and peter out.

Eileen (Rachael Addison Steinberg) is a playwright who lives with her actor brother Sandy (Scott Sundell). In fact, they sleep wrapped in each other's arms, a bit of a shock once we discover their sibling relationship. While there are suggestions of incestuous jealousy, Eileen is attracted to Dave (Joe Tramontana), the director of her play, and Sandy is having an affair with Cindy (Kandeyce Jenkins), proprietor of the chi-chi Cafe Cin. Eileen and Dave are pinning their career hopes on the prospect that producer Marty (Michael Bellino) may option their small-scale production for his theater. Marty wants the ending changed. Eileen is adamant about artistic integrity. Dave, we discover, has written a comedy of his own that has commercial possibilities.

The plot meanders off course several times to permit Marty to fire off a few slings and arrows at critics and later to indulge himself in a fantasy monologue based on his inability to cope with the social amenities of dining in a restaurant. Eileen and Marty join in a further digression when they call up childhood memories of "first empowerment."

Eileen is determined that Sandy renounce his chance for a sitcom pilot and its attendant potential for career advancement. Her "art for art's sake" plea left brother Sandy (and this reviewer) unmoved. I found it difficult to get worked up over self-centered, manipulative Eileen's concern for compromised integrity. Go-for-broke pacing might well have created and sustained tensions implied in the script's subtext. Michael Bellino directed.

Man's Best Friend continues at Above Brainwash, 1126 Folsom St., through Oct. 16. Call 986-4919.

Cages

Robin Karfo's one-woman portrayal of yet another dysfunctional New York family is a multimedia tour de force. But eventually Karfo's interactions with herself in ingeniously designed video segments become more engaging for their technicality than for the meager story line, and my interest faltered.

Karfo is Annabelle, a child who stopped speaking on her 14th birthday but manages to channel her impressionistic memories through an "angel"—represented by a fluttering dove on the full video screen that serves as one wall of the sparsely furnished apartment—with the voice of Baomia Butts-Bhanji. Her mother's attempted abortion in a tub of hot water—shown in silhouette— is foiled by the presumably conscious but unborn Annabelle, which may account for the traumatized teenager's preference for hanging out in a rooftop pigeon cote where she can talk to the birds. Committed by her father, Jack, to Bellevue against her mother's wishes, Annabelle is visited by him daily after he apparently gives up his career as a saxophonist.

As Lucy, Annabelle's mother, Karfo speaks to her "live" daughter from a kitchen that is projected on the wall/screen; she ices a birthday cake as they chat. In another scene the "live" Lucy strolls over to the video screen to preen herself in a dressing room mirror.

As Jack, Karfo is less successful, resorting to cliched slouching and crotch shifting to suggest masculinity. In one especially effective scene, Jack, who has long since deserted Lucy, swigs a bottle of beer as he watches his wife, now at the peak of her career as a country/western singer, in a talk show interview.

It's an ambitious but eventually unmoving piece, perhaps because it's trapped in a filmed framework that doesn't allow for any acting spontaneity or work-in-progress rethinking.

Amy Mueller directed and assisted with the development of the work. Composer Bruce Barthol wrote the music and lyrics in the best tradition of a country/western philosophy that sings of "life's bumpy road."

Cages continues at Intersection for the Arts through Oct. 17. Call 626-3311.

Fifty Million Frenchmen

Reviewed by Charles Whaley

Cole Porter's 1929 musical comedy tour of Paris, *Fifty Million Frenchmen*, was the first Broadway hit for which he furnished all the music and lyrics. On the heels of its successful "lost musicals" concert series inaugurated this summer, 42nd Street Moon Productions has launched a fall series at the New Conservatory Theatre with Porter's rollicking, delightfully daffy work.

So many songs were cut before the New York opening—and some were even added after the



The cast of Cole Porter's "Fifty Million Frenchmen," at New Conservatory Theatre.

opening—that quibbling about a "definitive" reconstruction would be pointless.

Producers Greg MacKellan (he also directed) and Stephanie Rhoads have kept all but one of the songs from the New World recording of a 1991 concert version done in New York (with Howard McGillin, Karen Ziemba, Kim Criswell and Peggy Cass, among others) in celebration of Porter's 100th birthday, and restored two songs—"Watching the World Go By," dropped in the Boston try-out, and "My Yankee Wench," called "My Harlem Wench" on Broadway.

The book, by Herbert Fields, so praised in its day, is a pleasant bit of fluff about American college boys and girls descending on Paris in June (when most Parisians have fled the city) and finding romance with each other.

"You Do Something to Me" is the only standard that emerged from the score; it's sung dreamily and tap danced in the curiously flat first

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act by Steve Zee and Sarah Dacey as the main pair of lovers. "You've Got That Thing," sung by James Friedman and Velina Brown, and "Find Me a Primitive Man," sung by Lesley Hamilton, will be familiar to fans of Porter's lyrics.

The second act picks up noticeably, energized by the three women who bring great comedic flair and pizazz to the show: Hamilton as the nightclub singer May De Vere, singing, "I'm Unlucky at Gambling"; Michelle Felten as a buyer for a firm that deals in women's fur coats singing, "Where Would You Get Your Coat?" and later "The Tale of an Oyster"; and Jacinta Gorringe as a gauche midwestern social climber singing, "The Queen of Terre Haute," with hilarious expressions for nearly every line.

A second-act highlight is "Let's Step Out," by Dacey, Hamilton, Felten and Brown, with its madcap lyrics: "People say France is hot/We're beginning to fear it's not/Let's run wild, let's be fools/Let's go crazy and break the rules."

Billed as the Continentals, a harmonizing male trio composed of Steven F. Sutherland, Richard Pardini and Sean Sharp (who double in other roles as well) livens up the show, most notably in the clever switcheroo on Hamilton's "I'm Unlucky at Gambling." Sutherland's sunny presence in his various guises adds immeasurably to the show, and Sharp is a hoot with his outrageously exaggerated French accent and mannerisms as manager of the Hotel Crillon.

Zee, who choreographed the production, shows his dancing skill in a tap number with the Continentals to "My Yankee Wench," but along with his two college buddies (Stephen Frugoli and James Friedman), he comes through as far too passive for a fervent swain. The story may be all musical-comedy hokum/cliche but we'd all still like to believe in love.

Musical director Andrew Moore provides excellent piano accompaniment. Next up in the series will be the 1929 Jerome Kern/Oscar Hammerstein *Sweet Adeline* (Oct. 22 through Oct. 31), followed by Porter's 1939 *DuBarry Was a Lady* (Nov. 5-14). Phone 861-8972.

Independence

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

Little Bird Productions' stated goal is to "bring to the stage works about women taking action." In its production of *Independence* by Lee Blessing, women are unfortunately taking action against one another in this living-room drama of dysfunctional family values.

Blessing's script sets up the situation and its probable outcome so clearly in the first scene (of nine scenes in the two-hour-plus play) that the final moment comes as no big surprise. Instead, painful moments are lived and re-lived by each character in an ultimately predictable script. Nothing new or surprising is offered. Onstage action is kept to a minimum as Blessing opts for endless chatter on his actors, instead of visual possibilities and action. Offstage, two men are discovered in one daughter's bed; another daughter jealously stakes out her rival; and Mom violently destroys the family dishes. What we don't see proves much more interesting.

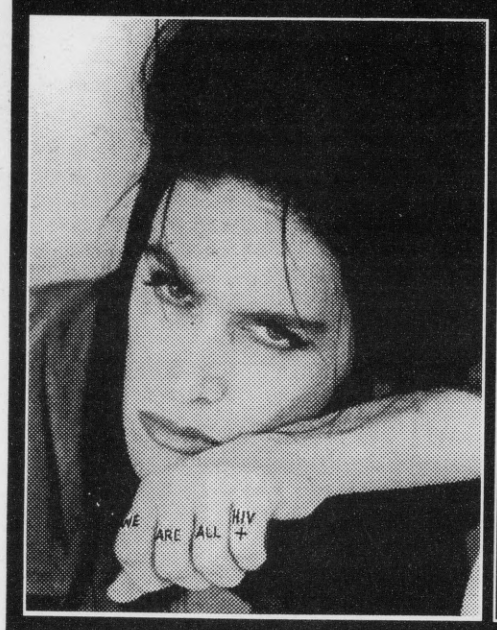
Eldest daughter and lesbian Kess (Julie Weigel) returns home to straighten out yet another family disaster. Unstable Mom (Jacqueline Zahas) has purportedly tried to kill caregiving daughter Jo (Barbara del Rio). Foul-mouthed youngest daughter Sherry (Fran White Schnitzius) does her best to ignore and/or ridicule all those around her. Codependence thrives, proving that "family breeds contempt."

Director Laura Shapiro cannot overcome the play's wordiness and static qualities. Actors occasionally seem at a loss for where to put their hands and/or bodies. And the pacing (at least on opening weekend) is much too slow!

Little Bird Productions has undertaken a worthwhile goal, but this particular play and production do not highlight its potential.

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Jim Bailey & Darlene Popovic Trade Looks With "Jeffrey"



Acclaimed character actor Jim Bailey will star as a man this time in Paul Rudnick's award-winning comedy. Photo by Marty Sohl

by Charles Whaley

When you hear that *Jeffrey*, Paul Rudnick's hit New York comedy about a young gay man who vows to give up sex, has eight parts for women—and that Jim Bailey, who built his career playing Judy Garland, Barbra Streisand and Peggy Lee, has been signed for the San Francisco run—you naturally wonder which female role he'll be playing.

But you'd be on the wrong track. All eight female roles will be played by warm and witty Darlene Popovic, a mainstay of local cabaret, revues and musicals. Bailey, whose last role "in pants" was some time ago on a TV show, is cast as Jeffrey's WASPish interior designer friend, Sterling Farrell, said to resemble Noel Coward or a young Quentin Crisp. The part won an Obie Award for Edward Hibbert in the New York production.

Between rehearsals for their Nov. 2 opening at Theatre on the Square (previews begin Oct. 26), Bailey and Popovic talked of their own passionate feelings about *Jeffrey* and their good fortune in landing their roles, which may take them on a national tour to Chicago and Boston following the show's local open-ended run.

Rudnick's bon mots create nonstop laughter, but underlying his scintillating humor in the age of AIDS is a serious message that Bailey and Popovic say director Christopher Ashley makes clear. Ashley, the original New York director, is staging the show here as well as in Los Angeles, where it opened last month.

Popovic interprets the play's theme as, "You have to get so much joy out of this life while you're here, no matter what." Bailey says, "You have to let go of the fear."

For both of them, *Jeffrey* is a play about relationships, whether gay or straight, when, as Bailey says, "We're going through a terrible time with AIDS. How do young people, gay or straight, deal with it? The wedge is there, a fatal wedge, and we must deal with it."

"It's very poignant," says Popovic, "and very explicit about the gay lifestyle. Maybe some people just can't deal with that."

As for the characters she plays, Popovic describes them as a New York socialite ("a Connecticut lockjaw type"), an evangelist ("a

California hip type preacher-lady charlatan''), Mother Teresa (''who floats in and out as a spirit and never utters a word''), a sexual compulsive, the Italian mama of a pre-op transsexual lesbian son, a vapid showgirl in a game-show sequence, and a woman who is in bed with all the play's men in her very first scene, as well as Jeffrey's mother.

Jeffrey himself, an actor/waiter played by Morgan Strickland, is on stage throughout the show, but Bailey describes the part as a title role rather than a lead since *Jeffrey* is very much an ensemble piece with four main characters: Jeffrey and his would-be lover, Steve (a bartender, played by Stephen Caffrey, who was Fuzzy in the film *Longtime Companion*), Sterling Farrell (Bailey's part), and Sterling's lover Darius (a gloriously dumb *Cats* chorus dancer who likes to wear his costume off stage, played by John Zic).

Darius, despite his empty head, gets to the core of the play's message when he says, ''Think of AIDS as the guest who won't leave, the one we all hate. It's still our party.''

Popovic is another major presence in her quick-change roles; New York critic Stephen Holden wrote that Harriet Harris in the off-Broadway cast almost stole the show, and Popovic may well do the same here. She will shy away from caricature, she says, as she did in the multiple roles she played so believably in her appearance in the musical *No Way to Treat a Lady,* at TheatreWorks in Palo Alto and later in upstate New York, where audience members would sometimes ask why all the women in the cast didn't come out to take their bows. They were surprised Popovic had played all the parts.

Rounding out the local dream cast are Howard Swain, Keith Elgin Douglas and Joe Lucas in a series of multiple roles.

With *Jeffrey,* Jim Bailey is eager to establish himself in theater, although he says everything he has done—including his Garland, Streisand and Lee ''ladies''—has been theater. His career began in theater—''in pants''—when he was 14, playing in *The Diary of Anne Frank* in his native Philadelphia. But for the last 23 years he has been doing women's roles.

The *Jeffrey* part came to Bailey via old friend Joe Watson, production manager of Theatre on the Square, in whom Bailey had confided two years ago during a Plush Room engagement that he wanted to do something different.

When Watson read the play, he phoned Bailey to say, ''I have a script for you.'' Bailey read it, agreed, and read for the role for playwright Rudnick (who will be here for the opening) and director Ashley during a hurried meeting at Newark, airport. The part was his.

What's ahead for Bailey after *Jeffrey*? A book musical written especially for him (although he didn't know this until they told him) by Ron Clark, (who also co-wrote *Norman, Is That You?)* and Porter Jordan.

Bailey will play both male and female roles in this gender-switching tale about a married father who deserts his family, has a sex change and becomes a singer. Wife and son find ''her'' but the son believes ''she'' is the woman for whom his father left his mother. It's really funny, Bailey says, and he gets to sing and dance as well as act.

As luck would have it, he recently met a fan in Chicago and told him about the planned musical. Script unread and score unheard, the man immediately offered to provide financing.

''My life has been like that,'' Bailey says happily.

Jeffrey opens at the Theatre on the Square, 8 pm, Nov. 2. Call 433-9500 or any BASS ticket outlet. ✿

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BY GENE PRICE

Faggot With a Gun

Comedian/performance artist Mark Davis has established himself as one of America's most promising gay comics in the past eight years. His new one-man work, *Faggot With a Gun,* billed as a brutal comedy, is less a comedy routine than a personalized fantasy of a young gay man who sets himself a socio-political agenda to assassinate a right-wing religious zealot.

Written and performed by Davis with additional material and direction by Gerard Koskovich, the force of Davis' personality holds our attention through yet another fitfully amusing, but often uncomfortable, remembrance of small town intolerance.

Davis, who grew up in Centralia, Wash., frames his ''growing up gay'' segment there, but how much is fiction and how much is fact we are left to surmise. Since most of us have endured similar mini-traumas, I'd say about fifty-fifty.

Wearing nondescript prison coveralls, our handcuffed hero begins an odyssey that utilizes the voices of local cops, a high school principal, his mother, father and a school bully. Stream-of-consciousness vignettes reveal a teenager trying to run away to Los Angeles, arrested for prostitution while still in high school, and undergoing a couple of swinging-door visits to ''juvie'' hall—all events that leave us without much real insight into the psychological sources of his rebellion. His father, for instance, is written off with, ''I hated my dad, I wished him dead. He died. I felt guilty, but not *that* guilty.''

His tousled-wigged mother—a gem of a whinnying character—appears, alas too briefly. Horrified at the prospect that her gay son might never be able to hold a job, she is consoled by the thought that he can become a flight attendant and then she can travel for free.

A local congressional candidate named Helen Stevenson, an Anita Bryant clone, arouses his social consciousness and he sets out to derail her by kidnapping her campaign posters. Tormented at school by his ''faggot'' label, he gets an adult diploma at a community college and sets out on his travels: San Francisco; an affair; the March on Washington, where he hoped to find solidarity but discovered instead a major marketing job. Home again, he walks up a newly beautified Upper Market. ''Who ordered all these potted palms?'' he wonders.

Then comes the major vision, a fantasy of violent social justice. He is Emma Peel, avenger with a deadly pistol, out to infiltrate a homophobic religious right-wing organization and assassinate its leader, Sheldon Rush Helms. How he and his best friend, lesbian Anita Ritlin, assimilate themselves into a small redneck Oregon community and bring off this extravagant bit of James Bond whimsy is given short shrift at the end of his monologue. But a fantasy assassination engineered in the guise of self-defense may well leave an aftertaste of questionable morality.

Faggot With a Gun continues at Josie's Cabaret through Oct. 24. Call 861-7933. ✿

music

Eleventh Annual SF Jazz Festival

by Scott Cady

On Oct. 29 the much acclaimed San Francisco Jazz Festival kicks off its second decade and jazz aficionados from just about everywhere will scramble to see and hear some of the master purveyors of their craft. The 17-day event, presented by American Airlines, will take place in 13 venues, from Davies Symphony Hall to Grace Cathedral to Oakland's Paramount Theatre. A major force in keeping jazz alive in the Bay Area, this year's festival offers the best lineup to date, with performances by top names in vocal jazz, rhythm and blues, gospel and the avant garde.

Performers will include Joshua Redman, the young saxophone phenomenon, leading an all-star quartet including guitar genius Pat Metheny, Christian McBride and Billy Higgins. Musician-of-the-year Joe Henderson will lend his full-bodied tone to his Big Band, his quartet, and will perform the world premiere of a piece commissioned by the festival with the Kronos Quartet.

The sensational Cleo Laine, along with her husband John Dankworth, will play at Davies Hall in a Duke Ellington program; a tribute to Fats Waller will feature Grammy-and Tony-Award-winning vocalist Ruth Brown along with a host of great stride pianists; the Bulgarian Women's Choir will ''grace'' the cathedral of the same name; and a gospel night at the Paramount will include Mighty Clouds of Joy and Bennie Henderson and Family. Steve Turre will bring his Sanctified Shells, the world's only conch shell choir, to St. Mary's Cathedral, and a tribute to Louis Armstrong will include former Count Basie trumpet great Harry ''Sweets'' Edison and trumpeter Terrence Blanchard, who recently composed the music for Spike Lee's *Malcolm X.*

In the Latin idiom, Brazil on the Bay will feature three decks of Brazilian music and sweeping views of the Bay aboard the California Hornblower. A three-day homage to ''Mambo King'' Mario Bauza will offer the finest in Afro-Latin music at Bimbo's 365 Club.



Cleo Laine plays at Davies Hall in a Duke Ellington program on Nov. 12.

Additional events include a Ralph Gleason film festival, billed as ''possibly the most important body of jazz on film/video,'' at the Kabuki Cinema; and a world premiere of *Shoehorn!,* a musical by Idris Ackamoor and Wayne Doba at the Lorraine Hansberry Theatre. Ken Nordine and Friends, the Marshall Arts Quartet, Don Byron with his Klezmer Orchestra, and two Youth in Jazz concerts will round out the festival schedule.

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BY CHING CHANG

Troubled Femmes At the SF Opera

With the notable exception of Benjamin Britten, composers through the ages have overwhelmingly chosen the doing and undoing of female personalities to be the central element of dramatic interest in their operas, and typically, this obsession expresses itself in the death of the central female protagonist. Heroines of the lyric stage have been killed off in every imaginable way: by murder, falling off cliffs, drowning in sewers, being poisoned, beheaded, committing hara-kiri, jumping on a horse into burning pyres, entombed alive, and afflicted with an assortment of diseases. It is, then, intriguing to be exposed to an opera such as Janacek's *Vec Makropulos* (based on a play by Karel Capek), which exploits the theme of life and death with proper 20th-century cynicism through its principal character, the eternally young and beautiful opera singer Emilia Marty (aka Elina Makropulos, who drank back in 1575 the elixir of life discovered by her father, an alchemist to a Hapsburg emperor).

In this SF Opera revival of the original production (used in the American premiere of the work), it was equally intriguing (and somewhat refreshing) is to see a woman on an opera stage, for once, allowed to die of old age. As the plot (set in early 20th-century Prague, when Emilia is 337 years old), develops, the audience learns that she has outlived several lovers and sons and changed identities and nationalities while having affairs with great-great-great-grandsons. Though she has developed her singing and lovemaking to perfection (she says she has "thousands of brats" roaming the world), she has lost all passion for life. Janacek typically leaves the musical lyricism to clear-focused, sweeping orchestral melodies that are never saccharine , and gives the complex characters in Makropulos a vocal score of dry, disjointed phrases, mostly rhythmic in a speech-like flow. Janacek only allows vocal lyricism (used in a superbly effective way) in a few precious bars at the opera's sumptuous last scene, when Emilia accepts her imminent death (it turns out the elixir of life is only good for three centuries) and finds a happiness in her last few minutes of life that she never new in her extended lifetime.

In her company debut, American soprano Stephanie Sundine used all her acting abilities (under the guidance of the legendary Elisabeth Soderstrom, the production's co-director with Lofti Mansouri) to portray an insipid Emilia Marty with an acerbic personality, and was successful for the most part. Her voice makes good dramatic impact (she's been taking on some of the most taxing roles in the dramatic soprano repertoire), even if it is only average in beauty of sonority. My surprise of the evening was discovering soprano Kathleen Brett, who has a clear, light yet substantive Mozartian voice, ringing true in her portrayal of Kristina. The cast performed dependably overall, with a tight sense of ensemble which was present even in the minor roles assigned to Merolees Catherine Cook (the cleaning woman) and Earle Patriarco (a stagehand). Conductor Charles Mackerras, in the pit (acclaimed as the supreme Janacek authority of our time), did an unobtrusive job, bringing out those soothingly clear instrumental lines in Janacek's orchestration. This Makropulos is possibly the most dramatically interesting production this season, and if you decide to go, some homework on Janacek is highly recommended.



Soprano Eva Marton in Puccini's "Turandot."
Photo by Larry Merkle

The Opera also made a big fuss this season over the new production of Puccini's *Turandot*, which opened earlier this month. Designed by David Hockney and Ian Falconer, the tale of the frigid Chinese princess received a most striking treatment in this highly publicized production, in mostly primary colors. Hockney's sets looked like the doodlings of a prolific six-year-old, who got the smallest box of crayons in the store and went wild with them, as if to make up for the lack of other colors. Co-owned by the Chicago Lyric (where it received its premiere) and the SF Opera, even the likes of Eva Marton in the title role had to take a backseat to the visual spectacle in this production. Appropriately enough, magical fluorescent-roofed castles and giant cardboard cutouts may very well be the sub-natural realm where *Turandot* rightly belongs, rather than the usual fake chinoiserie one normally expects to see.

Turandot is actually one of Puccini's most interesting scores, despite the irreconcilable awkwardness of his chosen dramatic material. Criticized by contemporaries and to a great extent himself, Puccini was in search of new compositional paths when he composed the score. In order to regain a slipping respectability among his peers (it is easy to forget that he was a contemporary of Stravinsky), he was getting "interesting," so to speak, but died before the opera was completed (this production uses the shortened Alfano ending). I particularly like the perverted-pseudo-orientalism in the orchestral sections of Turandot's big aria, "In questa reggia," which sounds like the notorious necrophiliac chord from Strauss' *Salome* repeated eight times.

As expected, Eva Marton pulled out all the stops of her massive instrument in the climax of "In questa reggia", when Turandot affirms under penalty of death that no male shall ever possess her (hmm..., isn't that interesting). Marton's command of her huge vocal resources is impressive, but sometimes I wish she would let her lines flow more freely, just for an occasional relief. One might hope that American soprano Ealynn Voss (a promising newcomer to the dramatic Verdi-Puccini-Strauss soprano repertoire), who takes over the title role from Marton later this month, will deliver a less uniformely intense Turandot. Though tenor Michael Sylvester's "Nessun Dorma" earned him the obligatory outburst of applause, some of the most enjoyable close-knit singing was to be found in the supporting roles, as in the ensemble numbers with Ping, Pang and Pong (baritone Theodore Baerg and tenors Dennis Petersen and Craig Estep), and in the fully characterized Liu by the sweet-voiced Italian soprano Lucia Mazzaria.

Catch performances of Janacek's *Vec Makropulos* on Oct. 22, 27 and 30, at 8 pm; Puccini's *Turandot* on Oct. 23, 26, 29, at 8 pm, Nov. 2 at 7:30 pm and Nov. 5 at 8 pm. Call the SF Opera Box Office for tix and info, (415) 864-3330.

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Film Arts Festival Tackles Tough Issues

by Randy Turoff

The Ninth Annual Celebration of Northern California Independent Film and Video takes place Nov. 3-7 at the Roxie, with 17 programs including 79 films and videos. For the first time this year the Film Arts Festival has its own promotional trailer, a riproaring top-speed camera-mounted ride through the streets of San Francisco, ending up at ye olde tabernacle for independent screenings, the Roxie Cinema. There's a new program director, too. Bob Hawk, the original guiding light and soul behind Film Arts, has moved down to Southern California, and this year we have Lissa Gibbs running the show.

And an extensive show it is. Gibbs has her own take on the film community and on how to sustain the Film Arts Foundation on a slashed NEA Media Arts Program budget. Somehow, even with severe cash flow problems, Northern California filmmakers are still turning out their visions in record numbers. Not surprisingly, many film and video artists have aligned themselves with film and communications departments at San Francisco State University and Stanford. At FAF, new and established artists bring radical and subversive works to the screen.

Themes at this year's festival are politically *au courant*, with categories such as "Ambition Impossible," about not making it; "Frankenstein's Children," modern science and techno-horror from the perspective of the twisted generation; or "Mediated Identity," about pop culture and how our self-images are manipulated and programmed. Other categories deal with work, mini-malls, environmental and social collapse, the politics of the body, the politics of war and revolutionary independence movements, and multi-ethnic explorations of roots, family, and ideas of love. Lesbian/gay material is integrated throughout the program, as are African-American, Latino and Asian-American oriented films and videos.

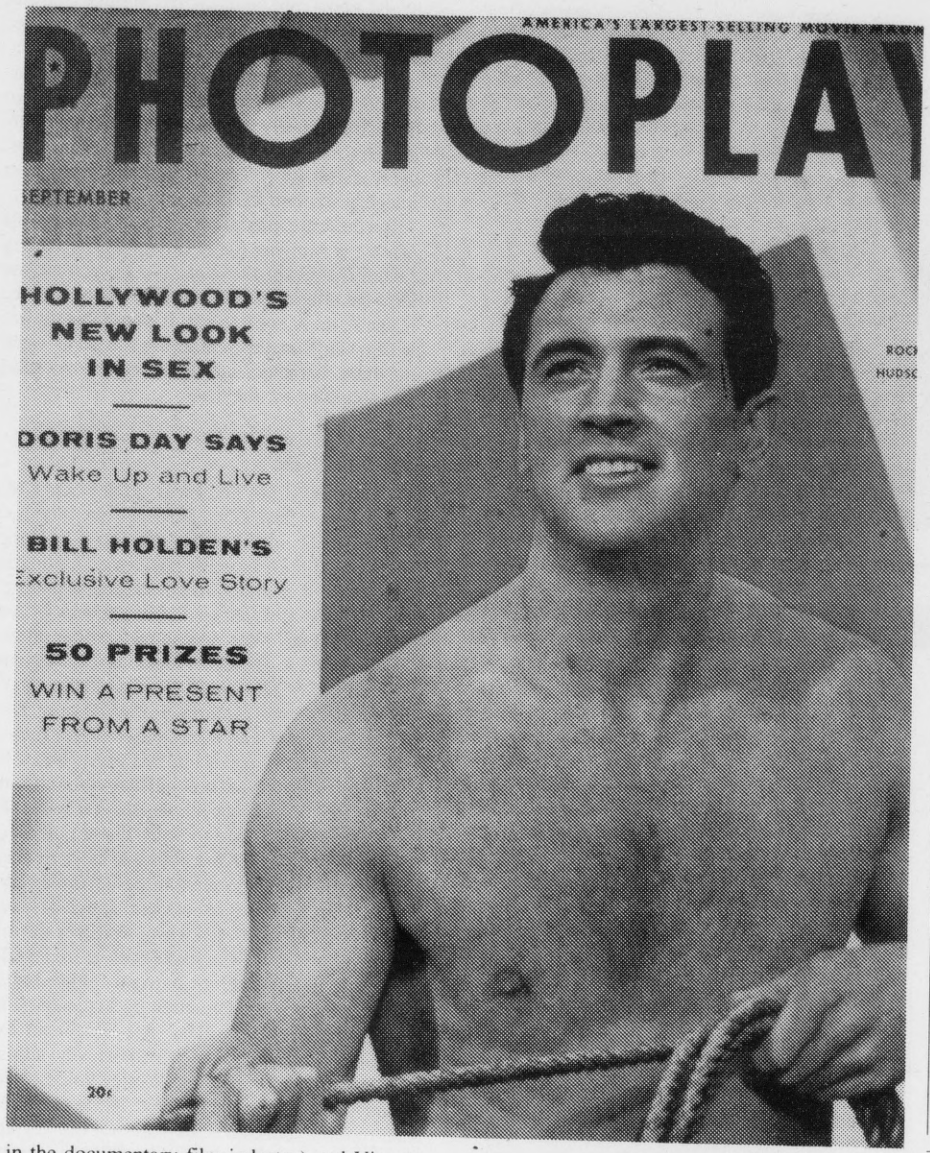
One of the longer films I previewed and highly recommend is David Collier's *For Better or For Worse*, about loving, longtime couples and how they've managed to stay together for over 50 years (including a gay male pair in New York). The film is also about aging and death, revealing deep truths about people and their particular couplings; a profound, illuminating and immensely moving film. It is followed by a couple of lesbian shorts.

The other feature-length documentary I recommend is the highlight of the closing night program, the fast-paced *Cuba Va: The Challenge of the Next Generation*, followed by Ellen Bruno's impressive film about Tibetan freedom-fighting nuns, *Prayer for the Enemy*.

Although films at this festival are incorporated into socially enlightened and informative frameworks, they are not as p.c. or earnest as they sound. There's some very gripping, disturbingly realistic and controversial material at this festival.

Cuba Va: The Challenge of the Next Generation is a particularly timely piece, a dynamic portrayal of Cuban youth. Amid great music, *hot* dancing and dancers, one can see the amazing vibrancy and passionate interest these Cuban youth have in life. The energy and emotional investment they seem to put into their daily lives is about as far away from the slacker mentality as one can get.

Producers Gail Dolgin (a 20-year-plus veteran



in the documentary film industry) and Vicente Franco (former news director for Channel 14) present widely varied opinions around controversial issues. Cuba is having a very hard time economically in its post-Cold War struggle for survival, since it no longer receives Russian aid and the U.S. trade embargo is still enforced. Although almost everyone in the film agrees that the quality of life is better than before the 1959 Castro revolution, Cuba is at a crucial economic and political turning point. The revolution brought about excellent health care for everyone, free university education for all, and employment equality for women. But now Cuba lacks capital for investment in its future and this is very problematic for everyone concerned.

The film shows food shortages, the decline of transportation, services, and infrastructure. People complain about the bloated bureaucracy and how nobody really works because they can't be fired from their jobs. There's an out-of-control black market, and long lines for everything.

The film explores how Cuban youth are affected by all this and their views toward securing a future, especially when Father Fidel dies. Disgruntled anti-Castroites talk about how Cuban youth are being seduced into the pursuit of mindless pleasure by the government, which sponsors big Western rock 'n' roll concerts and dances, keeping people happy and off the streets. A Black rapper talks about covert racism and how the Black Cubans dance in different places from the Latino rockers.

Cuba Va is informative on many levels, but unfortunately doesn't cover Cuban governmental policy or young people's attitudes toward homosexuality or AIDS. I realize one movie cannot include everything, but this is something much too important to overlook.

This week, 175 people are returning to the Bay Area from an illegal trip to Cuba. The group, "Freedom to Travel Challenge," is fighting the U.S. travel and trade embargo, which prohibits Americans from going to the island. The group now risks stiff fines and ten-year jail sentences. American entrepreneurs are itching to tap the

"Dear Rock" a video by Jack Walsh, at the Film Arts Festival, Nov. 6.

Cuban market, and Cuba needs tourist dollars for survival. Most island Cubans in the film appear wary of prostituting themselves to U.S. capitalist interests, but as one youth in the film says, "We're willing to play capitalism by socialist rules."

As a lesbian and gay human rights advocate concerned about Cuba's policies on homosexuality and AIDS, I decided to call filmmaker Gail Dolgin to find out more about this and why it wasn't addressed in the film.

According to Dolgin, the film originally included the testimony of two HIV-positive doctors, who spoke directly and openly about gay rights. For the final edit, it was decided the segment on gay rights was much too superficial and couldn't be included without acquiring much more footage and doing a lot more work in that direction. According to Dolgin, the Cuban government has no institutional policy discriminating against homosexuals, and homosexuals have equal rights under law. Of course, she says, even if socialism doesn't come out against homosexuality, there are always members of society who do. Cubans, like Americans, are not completely evolved, she says.

As for youth and AIDS, Dolgin saw a huge educational campaign in action to protect citizens from the spread of the disease. Cuba's controversial quarantine system puts AIDS-infected or any HIV-positive people in sanitariums, where they receive education, treatment and care. She says it's luxury treatment and people's needs and comforts are completely taken care of. Nobody with AIDS in Cuba is made destitute or homeless by the disease.

To me, this quarantine policy is horribly frightening, however good the medical care might be. It's a topic well worth investigating further.

Cuba Va is but one of the many thought-provoking films at this year's festival. Check out the schedule or call (415) 552-FILM for more information. ✿

Inside Monkey Zetterland

Steve Antin and Sandra Bernhard star in the film directed by Jefery Levy.



Reviewed by Randy Turoff

If you happen to be an El Lay hag, like inane stories and whiny, obnoxious 20-something mama's boys, you shouldn't miss *Inside Monkey Zetterland*. Written by, co-produced by and starring Steven Antin, this film is about a young man named Monkey who is a writer, sort-of actor, and son of a harpy soap opera star. It's all caricature: Bart Simpson on a really bad day suffering from a New Yorker-style case of Portnoy's Complaint syndrome.

Monkey is the kind of guy who hates women but doesn't really know it, starting with his overbearing Jewish mother and her overbearing Jewish mother. It takes a Jewish boy to be able to get away with this much anti-Semitism. Monkey's mother owns the building in Fairfax where he lives rent-free as he toils away at a film script about a red train entering a tunnel. The soap star mother, played by soap star Katherine Helmond, first appears on screen nagging at her son and complaining about her hemorrhoids.

Monkey's bitchy girlfriend, played by "Civil Wars" regular Debi Mazar, is a loud-mouthed, stupid girl who walks all over him on her way out the door. She tells him repeatedly how bored she is with him and how sick she is of having sex with him. The next woman in his life is a double-major Cal Arts valley girl type who starts by trying to pick him up at a Xerox machine and then hounds him throughout the rest of the movie. The woman, played as a one-trick basset hound, is none other than Sandra Bernhard. Her one and only memorable line is "I worship Danielle Steele."

Monkey's sister, played by Patricia Arquette, is a lesbian who is also stupid and naive and can barely get a whole sentence out of her mouth. Her

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ex-girlfriend, played by Sofia Coppola (Francis' daughter), gets pregnant by someone she met at a Women Against Pornography rally and tries to get Grace Zetterland to come back to help her raise the impending baby. Another awful character comes into Monkey's life as Sofie, played by Martha Plimpton. A disgusting, food-stuffing bulimic, Sofie is also a hate-filled terrorist who says she works for a bi-weekly gay newspaper called *Out Loud*, which unclosets Hollywood homos. She introduces her "husband," a co-terrorist, as a fag who needed a green card.

Anyway, you get the picture. *Monkey Zetterland* is about a hateful kind of child who later gets back at his mother for psychologically abusing him, by airing it all adolescently on screen. He's just the kind of Hollywood brat who spends his life guilt-tripping his family into financing his "creative genius." At the end of this movie, not surprisingly, Monkey's film script gets bought and produced by a big Hollywood studio. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

The film opens at the Lumiere on Oct. 15.



Jeff Bridges as Max Klein struggles with the aftermath of disaster in "Fearless." Photo by Merrick Morton

Fearless

by Greta Christina

Beautiful.

Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful.

Boy, did I like this movie. I liked this movie an awful lot. In fact, I liked this movie so much I almost hesitate to recommend it. I know that when I like a movie this much, it's often because it happens to hit my particular buttons in just the right way, and not necessarily because it's actually that good. However, I do in fact think this movie is actually that good, one of the best I've seen this year. It's not so much that it has all kinds of stuff I really love to see in films. It's that it has all kinds of stuff I love to see in films and almost never do.

Based on the novel by Rafael Yglesias (who also wrote the screenplay), the story is about death, a subject rarely even glanced at in most mainstream American films. Jeff Bridges plays Max Klein, a San Francisco architect whose perspective on life is changed abruptly and drastically when he nearly dies in a plane crash. Surviving the crash frees Max from his fear of death, leading him to behave as if he were indestructible. He forms a friendship with Carla (Rosie Perez), who survived the same crash but lost her baby son in it and is overwhelmed with the loss.

The heart of the film is the friendship between Max and Carla, which in itself impressed me a great deal. It's extremely rare to see a film (especially a mainstream American film) with a non-sexual friendship between a man and a woman at its core. Hell, it's rare to see a mainstream film with a non-sexual friendship between a man and a woman anywhere in the plot. If all you saw of American society was Hollywood movies, you'd think the only relationships between men and women were either familial or romantic. In *Fearless*, Max and Carla's friendship is lovely and funny and tender, and while the film doesn't ignore the sexual tension that does arise in deep friendships, that tension is seen as a peripheral bond, interesting but far less important than the shared catastrophe.

A lot of what makes this film so beautiful is technical. It's beautifully filmed, with camerawork that's distinctive and inventive without being distracting. No credits are run until the end of the film, an unusual technique that gives the film an immediacy and grips the audience from the very first frame. And it has that rarest of all rare creatures, a soundtrack that adds to the mood without being invasive. In fact, there are long stretches with no sound at all, allowing images to speak for themselves in peace and silence.

But the acting is what really makes this film shine. Bridges and Perez make their characters' emotions immediately recognizable; an amazing feat, since the characters are far from simplistic and their experience (i.e. the plane crash) is so uncommon. Much of the film's complexity and humor (yes, it is frequently very funny) come from the skill of these two performers. Rosie Perez is especially brilliant; if she doesn't get an Academy Award nomination for this role, I'm going to scream bloody racist murder (much like I do every year at Oscar time).

Even the small roles are intricately sketched, particularly John Turturro as the well-meaning, almost-insightful therapist and Tom Hulce as the ambulance-chasing lawyer. The film has a quality rarely found in any work of fiction—a sense that the people in it are real human beings, with honest-to-God complete lives of their own outside their roles in the story.

Well, almost everyone. The weak link in *Fearless* is Isabella Rossellini, who plays Max's wife, Laura. In a film full of believable characters, Rossellini looks like she was flown in from the Wax Museum. She's not exactly wooden, she's just flat, portraying tragedy with an impassive model's pout. She comes across as either cold and bitchy or hysterical. You know Max has loved her for years, but you really have no idea why.

Even without Rossellini, it's not a perfect film. It is occasionally silly, the emotions dipping into the histrionic every now and again (especially during the scenes with Rossellini). And the Christ imagery is a bit heavy-handed and obvious, as Christ imagery so often tends to be.

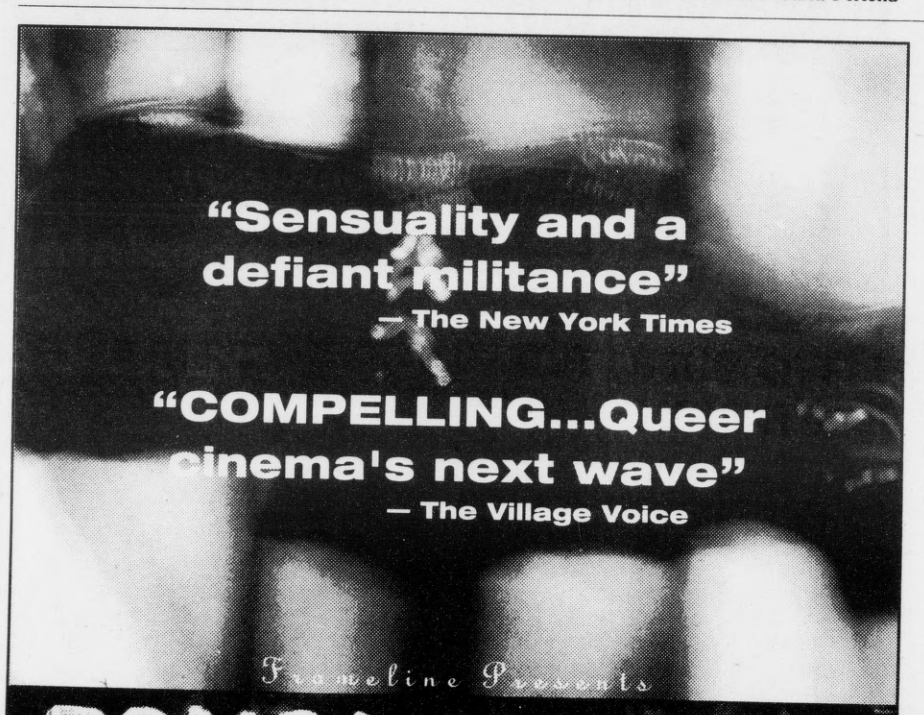
But these are minor flaws. Director Peter Weir (*Picnic at Hanging Rock*, *Gallipoli*, *The Year of Living Dangerously*, *Witness*— oh, you get the idea) has cranked out yet another masterpiece. See it, see it, see it, see it, see it. It's probably the only film you'll see this year where you get to watch the main characters dancing in Stonestown Mall and shopping for the dead.

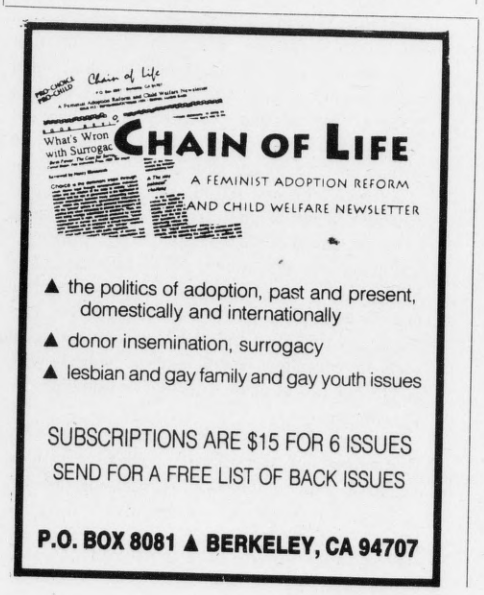
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Demolition Man: You know you're in trouble when you start picking holes in the plot five minutes after the movie begins. I'm not talking about tiny little nitpicking holes you can find in any work of fiction. I'm talking huge, gaping, ghastly holes that you could drive a small planet through. Holes like: Why would a museum armory exhibit have loaded, ready-to-use weapons on display in a glass case? Why would the super-brilliant corporate slime-guy who runs Los Angeles (excuse me, San Angeles) leave such a conspicuous information trail connecting him with the psycho-killer? And how did they come up with a fully functional cryogenic suspension system in the year 1996? I hate to seem like a quibbling fuddy-duddy, but 1996 is not some indeterminate time in the middle-distant future—it's three years from now, and we're just not going to have cryogenics by then. And why—well, you get my point. *Demolition Man* looks cool, is frequently amusing and sometimes outright funny, but is neither interesting nor action-packed enough to make the Plot Holes That Ate Cincinnati excusable. Starring Sylvester Stallone, who admittedly I am not fond of, and Wesley Snipes, who I am fond of and would therefore like to see in better movies. It does win the Weirdest Cameo Appearance of the Year award for featuring Andre Gregory (*My Dinner With Andre*) as the prison warden. Best part: the copwoman's office with the "antique" rock posters of Bomb and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

The Program: They win the big game at the end. But you probably already knew that. If you like football (which I don't particularly), then there's a good chance you'll like this movie. It's pretty dumb, but not as dreadful as I thought it would be. The film depicts the hopes and fears, the laughs and tears, the shots and beers, of a prominent university football team. It tries—really it does—to be a hard-hitting indictment of all that's wrong with college athletics. It occasionally succeeds. Unfortunately, it's hard to wedge a hard-hitting indictment into a feel-good inspirational win-the-big-game-at-the-end formula movie. James Caan as the football coach is competent but somewhat mechanical. Of course, there's really not much you can do with the role of Honest Gutsy Well-Intentioned Coach Under Pressure. Fortunately, the kids get a lot more screen time than Caan. A lot of them are very charismatic and fun to watch, particularly Omar Epps as Darnell Washington, tailback with a past.

The Beverly Hillbillies: The advance word I got on this one was "It's not as bad as you think it's going it be." I'm going to have to dispute that statement. This movie is every bit as bad as you think it's going to be. In fact, it may even be worse. You might think (as I did) that it's probably going to be stupid, but might be worth a few laughs. It's not. It's not incompetent or offensive or anything like that; it just isn't funny. It didn't make me laugh, it didn't even make me smile. Not once. I counted. It's not even dumb enough to have camp value. It's a one-joke movie. Here's the joke: Hillbillies are dumb, and Southern Californians are stuck-up. Ha ha ha ha ha. What a laff riot. Now you know the joke. Now you don't have to see the movie. Spend your time doing something entertaining, like alphabetizing your sock drawer. ✿





books

Lost Souls

By Poppy Z. Brite
Dell, $4.99



26-yr-old powerhouse writer Poppy Z. Brite.
Photo by Patrick Cardiff and David White

Reviewed by Jack Fertig

In vampire stories one sees most clearly not just a gender gap, but a chasm. With few exceptions, men write novels of the great hero who vanquishes bloodsucking monsters that ravage innocent women or threaten Western civilization. Women, on the other hand, write of sensual visitors who offer the exquisitely double-edged thrills of sex and danger. The vampire is clearly a personification of Eros, the deep, sexual craving for transcendence that leads inevitably to death or immortality. The two gender-based trends in vamplit are obvious reflections of sexual ideals, male conquest and female romance.

Poppy Z. Brite writes not as much from her sex as she does from her generation. *Lost Souls* is an intensely erotic novel which is much too easily compared to *Interview With the Vampire*. Both books are partially set in New Orleans and written with a lush, steaming sensuality, but the similarity ends there. The story is itself an adolescent fantasy revolving around a boy named Nothing. Hearing a tape of music that speaks to his alienation—that acute sense of unique isolation which is virtually universal among teenagers—he runs away from his suburban home and bland two-dimensional parents to find its source. En route to the musicians' home he joins in with a picaresque band of beautiful but completely amoral bloodsuckers. Bloodlust, rapacity and murder aside, the three wild, long-haired road-trippers who invite Nothing into their van could represent a beacon of freedom and joy to nearly any adolescent seeking greener pastures.

The background of the action is filled with the names and music of gothic and heavy metal bands that a tired old opera queen like myself would rather not know about. (The closest I care to come to a "Dead" concert is the second act of *Ruddigore*, thank you very much!) From what I've seen on handbills plastered around town I trust that Brite knows what she is writing about. But that is just incidental background. Her vampirology and psychology are very sound and authentically scripted.

As an erotic mythology, *Lost Souls* is terrifying in what it says about the sexscape that young adults are, literally speaking, fucking around with. The characters of this novel are primarily defined by the pain they inflict or endure. Its two women are victimized sperm vessels ultimately destroyed by their fertility. The many males include bisexually experimental teenagers, bisexually vicious vampires, one heterosexual rapist and a gentle asexual empath. Young Nothing, though far from virginal, serves as the eye of this hurricane of rape and ruin. Seen from here, all sexuality is violence and destruction.

The violence, however, is never gratuitous. Even if the give and take of pain is the primary dynamic among the characters, most of them are fully fleshed out so that motivations are clear. For example, even though the rapist is a completely unsympathetic lout, his actions and pathology ring true and full. His self-hatred and twisted loyalty are almost, but not quite, edifying. Unfortunately, most of us have known this man one way or another. Other characters will seem just as familiar and anyone who's survived adolescent alienation will recognize Nothing.

Brite shows remarkable insight into her characters and an equal view to their settings. In hot, humid Southern summer nights, visions and reality shift through sultry heat of place and prose. At age 26 she has achieved maturity as a writer, but I hope her characters will also mature. She could easily settle into a groove and continue to write beautifully of youthful angst, but this reviewer looks forward to future books, and hopes to see more adult themes opened like veins by her scalpel-sharp pen.

Dead on Your Feet

By Grant Michaels
St. Martin's Press, 1993; $19.95

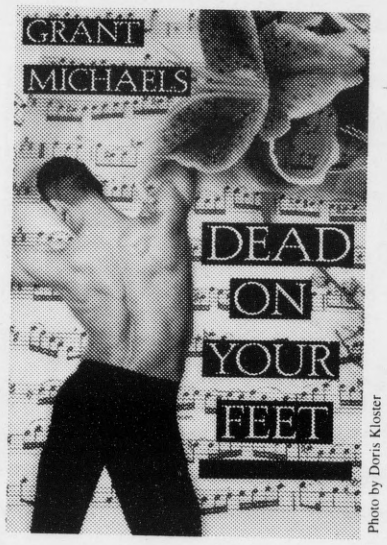


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Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

Grant Michaels/Stan Kraychik Mystery fans rejoice! Writer Michaels is guilty of another fun-filled, fascinating flight of murderous fantasy, this one bearing the moniker *Dead on Your Feet*. From Snips Salon to the Boston City Ballet, hairdresser Stan Kraychik investigates yet another murder involving loved ones and the much more fascinating not-so-loved ones. All the regular characters are reprised in this third book in the Kraychik murder marathon.

Fans of the Kraychik series will notice the darker shades to this latest installment. Featured are the vagaries of love and the ensuing jealousy, infidelity, rejection and revenge. These responses prove dangerous in *Feet* as well as the motivation for... murder. Boston, delightfully described in the previous books, is now rainy, cold and bleak. Even the well-adjusted hairdresser sleuth is now desperately insecure regarding his newfound, somewhat unsteady relationship with choreographer and over-sexed hunk Rafik.

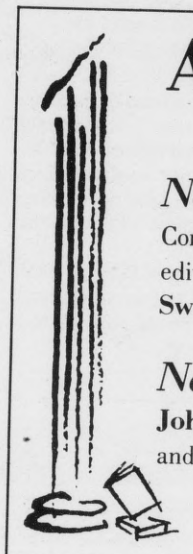
During the resplendent dinner-party scene in a lofty and lavish Boston penthouse, Kraychik becomes green with outrageous jealousy (and nausea due to alcohol abuse). Max Harkey, host and director of the Boston City Ballet, drops a few verbal bombs during dinner, and then by morning drops dead. Seems that everyone who met him loved him. And with the ensuing rejection, most wished him dead. So who dunnit? Kraychik doesn't know and definitely doesn't care. He wants only the exclusive attentions of his lover... at a safe, not-completely-intimate distance.

Quirky characters comprise the list of suspects. The elderly Ekaterina Rubinskaya screeches imperiously while the beauteous Toni di Natale perpetually (and annoyingly) tosses her tresses. Closet case ballet dancer Scott Molloy pathetically courts the arrogant Alissa Kortland. Oddly, there are some personalities introduced but not really used or developed. A transvestite lawyer is a wacky wonder, but remains generally unused. Perhaps he'll figure in a future mystery. Sharleen McChannel bears many striking similarities to the long-limbed dancer/actress/singer of "real life." Her eccentric actions provide some comic relief, but are generally unrelated to the development of the plot. Not a suspect, not actually involved in the plot at all (not even a red-haired herring), she ends up being a dead-end side road to the otherwise purposeful narrative.

How *do* folks like Kraychik manage to maintain friendships? One would think that human survival instinct would kick in, and people would shun a death magnet who constantly comes across corpses. It seems that meeting (much less making love with) Kraychik practically equals a death sentence. Perhaps an author will deal someday with the ostracization issues of the terminally unlucky.

Writer Michaels is a gentleman from word one. Literate, too. His character descriptions are highly visual and pleasantly wordy. Rather than just describe Stan's European boyfriend as a good fuck, Michaels delivers a more roundabout (and

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ultimately more fulfilling) explication:

> But [Rafik's] body remains supple. Like a cat he is long-legged and equally clever with all four limbs. Sometimes during sex I can't tell if it's a hand or a foot or a knee or an elbow that he's plying on me. And his male organ is like a fifth limb, one fluent in a unique kinesthetic vernacular. He can even make it dance—but then, he is a choreographer.

Even their love-making is eloquently, but still juicily, described. Who would have thought Kraychik was into bondage and shaving?

> Half an hour later he [Rafik] was lying belly-down on the bed, spread-eagle, each limb bound to a corner of the bed. The room was filled with the scent of his skin and the leather ropes that constrained him. I envisioned the harem boys of ages past. Had they begged for such formalized punishment too? In the flicker of candlelight I saw a moment of delicious fear in Rafik's eyes as I opened a straight razor and honed the edge on the leather chaps I'd peeled from his legs. I crouched close to him and ran the flat side of the razor lightly over the muscular terrain of his strong back.

Kraychik fans will be pleased to know that studly Italian Lieutenant Branco still figures in the plots. And that "although I hate him, I want him" lustful energy pervades every scene he's in. The most minute physical contact sends Kraychik soaring into heat:

> [Branco's] fingers brushed against mine. It was nothing, completely unintentional, an accident. But what surprised me was how warm his fingers were, even during that briefest, lightest touch. And what else surprised me was the familiar little rush I felt, the tingling lively sensation that I had assumed was Rafik's exclusive domain.

By no means is it necessary to read the first two books to understand and appreciate what's going on in *Dead on Your Feet*. Just get comfortable; ready for a puzzling murder or two, some kooky characters, some titillation, a quick trip to merry old England, and an unabashedly romantic ending.

Grant Michaels will read from *Dead on Your Feet* at The Alexander Book Company, 50 Second Street (just south of Market Street), Nov. 9, at 6 p.m. Free. (415) 495-2992. ✿

the leather chronicles

by St. clair adams

This Is Not A Sex Ad

I get so tired of people putting a sexual label on me because I wear leather! What business is it of anyone what I'm into? What I choose to do behind my bedroom door is my business and no one else's. (Note: I do not approve of anyone—gay or straight—having sex in public. Sub-note: I don't see anything wrong with sex in nature away from public view!) While in public, I am a social person and deserve to be judged by more than my sexuality. What does it matter whether I am into vanilla sex, S/M, bondage or even not into sex at all? If I choose to wear my leather for sexual reasons, it's nobody's business but mine and my partner's. I do wear my leathers in public for many reasons, including warmth, style and protection, and at the leather bars I wear them to be part of my chosen fraternity. At a country/western bar they wear cowboy hats and cowboy boots; at a drag bar they wear drag; at a yuppie bar they wear ties and sweaters. And at a leather bar we wear leather. What's the difference?

There are leather bars all over the country; you don't see mass orgies—just a lot of fun, drinking, socializing with friends and meeting new people. It's not true that leather people dress that way only for sex. Not everyone feels that sex is a factor with our community.



The new Dyke Daddy, Jo, and Dyke Mommy, Tina Carroll.

Any leatherperson knows these facts—they're probably trying to figure out my purpose in writing this. I have been a big advocate of educating other communities about who and what we are. Not everyone agrees that they are unfairly tagged, and that's OK for them. But many of my friends and I are irritated by unwanted labels. Maybe by telling the next person you talk with what leather means to you, you can make a difference. I don't think anyone wants to be mislabeled, or labeled at all for that matter.

LEATHER ELOQUENCE

A nice crowd gathered at a private home for an intimate party to raise funds for the AIDS Emergency Fund on Saturday, Oct. 9. There was a nice spread of food (hors d'oeuvres by Cafe Lupann's), hosted bar, live entertainment, raffle, a superb view of the Castro, and great company. Don Thompson (SF Leather Daddy XIII), Dave Dobrusky, Fred Hughes, Buddy Montgomery and Rex Richards provided some excellent entertainment. Phillip Turner (SF Leather Daddy XI)

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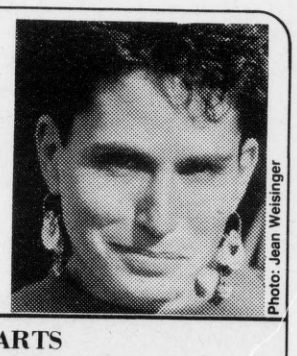
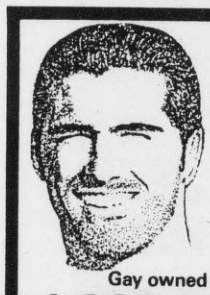


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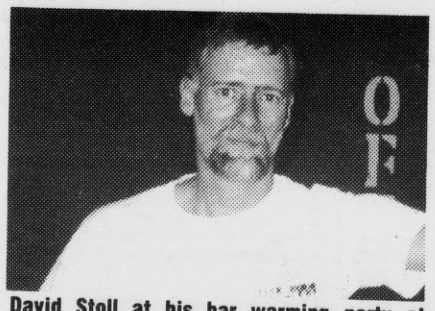
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David Stoll at his bar warming party at Headquarters.

hosted this formal event assisted by many of the Great Buns Calendar models. Congratulations on a successful party, Phillip.

PHOENIX UNIFORM CLUB

The Phoenix Uniform club members are a very creative group and very well-liked by their peers. Almost everyone loves a man in a uniform, and that's what these guys are—men!!! On Sunday, Oct. 10, they had a beer bust at the Eagle that had a little twist to it. They had a jail on stage; you had to bribe officers in the crowd to arrest your friends. After you got arrested, they would weigh you in, and your height was checked; then you were photographed and fingerprinted. After all of that, presiding judge Dennis Silva offered several choices of punishment. You could pay bail of $5, take off a piece of clothing, or spend five minutes in the pen. The crowd got a little sadistic and kept paying to keep the prisoners in jail. Mr. Marcus was arrested for "impersonating Mr. Marcus column"—an accusation open to interpretation—and was kept in the longest. I was also thrown in and my charge was also impersonating Mr. Marcus' column.

STELLA

The party welcoming David Stolle to the Headquarters was well attended. Many of David's friends popped in for a drink and a bit of food from an exceptional buffet. The bartenders paraded around in their underwear and were looking good. David's popularity is unmatched, and I feel he will retain his following at his new place of employment. David has done so much for the leather community and his accomplishments are too many to list; he is still leather history in the making.

DYKE DADDY, DYKE MOMMY

A large crowd attended the 3rd annual SF Dyke Daddy and the first Dyke Mommy contest on Friday, Oct. 15. There were three contestants for the Mommy title and two for Daddy. Each contestant did a fantasy. Emcees Irwin Kane (Leather Daddy X) and Rainbeau looked great together and did a superb job. The judges were Queen Cougar (Ms. SF Leather '93), Shannon Morgan (Sacramento Dyke Daddy I), Phillip Turner (SF Leather Daddy XI), Richard Faust, and a judge who was selected from the audience and got away before I could get her name. Donna Shrout (Ms. Northern Calif. Leather '92) did a cute little Vegas showtune, and there was even a visit from Cher. Again, I would like to thank Skeeter (Dyke Daddy II) for her accomplishments over the year. Also a special thanks to her girlfriend Jamie Santos and slave Kelly for their assistance. After deliberations, the winners were announced. Tina Carroll won SF Dyke Mommy and Jo won SF Dyke Daddy III.

COMING UP

Sale: The new Construction Zone owned by Gala (Int'l Ms. Cheeks & Chaps '91) and Officer Betty is having a Halloween Sale during the whole month of October. These gals give till it hurts. Even after the high overhead they pay to be at Castro and Market, they still give to charity. Many items have been donated to them for different AIDS funds, and they give the full sale price to that charity. This is true giving, because that sale may take away from a sale of their own merchandise. I think they deserve a standing ovation and all our support. Thanks guys!

The Court System: A few leather men and women have run for titles in the Court System. This same organization has even sponsored some leather titles. As I believe, united we stand and divided we fall. A well-known leatherman, Michel Coin, is considering running for Emperor and would like your support. Michel has done many things to help us out and all he will need from you is your vote.

Wally Sherwood will host a party on Oct. 23 from 9 pm to midnight at Kimo's on Polk St. There will be prizes for the most elaborate, creative and original costumes. Also, you can join the beer bust for $5. Kimo's may not be a leather bar, but here's an opportunity for the leather community to get out and educate others on who we are. We can also see what else is around us. I sometimes think we isolate ourselves too much. I believe we need our home bases, but should also see the world.

Leather & Feathers: Friday, Oct. 29, the SF Eagle holds its annual Leather & Feathers contest. Each year the costumes seem to get better and more elaborate. $100 is up for grabs, and prizes will be awarded for Best Theme, Best Group, Most Original and more. Bring your cameras and put on a costume, but most of all have a ghoulish time. See you there.

Leather Lust: On Saturday, Oct. 30, Randy Wright (Mr. Alameda Co. Leather '93) and Beth Elliott (Ms. Alameda Co. Leather '93) are hosting "Night of Leather Lust" at Bill's Eagle, 14572 East 14th St. in San Leandro, starting at 8 pm. There will be leather fantasies, live performances, prizes, grab bags, 50/50 drawing, plus more. All proceeds raised will go to the Godfather Foundation of the East Bay.

Sensations: The grand opening of the newest leather shop north of San Francisco, Sensation, is on Saturday, Oct. 30, starting at 7 pm. This erotica & leather store is located at 14075 Mill St. at the corner of Main St. in Guerneville. The owners of this new outlet are Abigail Sendall (Ms. Russian River Leather '93) and her husband Mark. Check it out!

Remember! Leather Buddies meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 3, starting at 8 pm. Call (415) 979-0242 for info.

San Jose Leather Fest: Nov. 5-7, Leather Masters of San Jose will host the San Jose Leather Fest '93. This weekend starts off with a welcoming party on Friday at Renegades from 8 pm to 1 am. On Saturday at 1 pm there will be a Safe Sex 101 (non-vanilla) workshop with the location to be announced soon. Then at 8 pm there will be a fetish auction at Greg's Ball Room. Sunday there will be a leather brunch at Wuzzy's and the new Mr. & Ms. San Jose Leather contest & party at the FX Club.

P.S. I can not believe the cheap shots and excuses foisted on us by the Boy Scouts of America to justify their campaign to discriminate against homosexuals. They are trying to get out of the hole they climbed in by stating that some of the Scout Masters are sexually abusing the Scouts. The Boy Scouts are on a witch hunt to justify their bigotry. Keep the pressure on them! ✿

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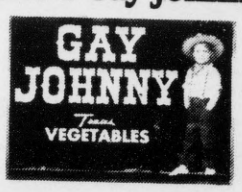
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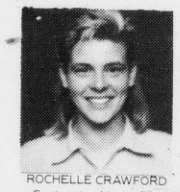
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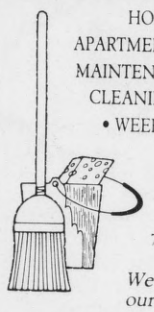
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Bright And Beautiful Woman
Hoping to meet another woman with similar qualities: warm, loving, very attractive, intelligent, compassionate, fun-loving, adventurous, sensitive, gentle, strong, passionate, physically and emotionally healthy, loyal, self-aware, with a social conscience, a generous spirit, and a sense of humor. My life is filled with many gifts including some incredibly wonderful friends. All that's missing, perhaps, is you. I get great satisfaction from my profession, but I also love to play, so I take time off and travel often. A few of my interests include gardening, windsurfing, scuba diving, old house restoration, and playing music. Even though I put off writing this ad for some time, if you are mid-30s to 40s and identify with some of this, please don't put off answering. All calls will be returned. Must be free of all drugs, tobacco and X-lovers. Reply BT Box OC1B or call ★★1384.

Marin
Looking for a companion who is feminine (not femme), strong (not tough), and shares some of my interests: photography, hiking, bicycling, travel, occasional elegance. Someone with a sense of style who is health-conscious, kind, passionate, emotionally & financially stable, in her 30s, lives in Marin or SF and enjoys her life. Call ★★1385.

Reaching Out
My life feels filled with my art/business, hiking, birding, environmental work, alone time and yet... I am playful and spirited. I know myself well and am communicative about who I am, my wants and my limits. I am growing, facing my life with a mixture of creative intention and trust. And I am looking for kindred spirit(s) 35-48 yrs. old. Call ★★1386.

Really New At This
Feel 33, look 35, driver's license says 39. BiWF just getting out. Seeks friendships, maybe more—depends, w/30s gay/bi femmes? feminine? centered? types. (Anyone out there have a dictionary?) I am: assertive professional, eclectic reader, good sense of humor (after I get comfortable). Varied interests: 49ers to photography and many things between & outside—but not really the athletic type. As comfortable in silk/suits/pumps as jeans. Mainstream, seeking same. 5'4", shoulder length brn hair, attractive, blue eyes, honest, straightforward, 10 petite—but I could lose 10 lbs. Maybe if I get out a little more I might just do that. This ad per word costs a zillion. Since I'm already here, even if you do not feel you are appropriate respondent, feel free to cast your vote as to category most appropriate to ID myself as in the unlikely event I ever do this again—could save me a fortune. Poll results announced in December issue. If it sounds like a fit or you have a vote—give a call. Call ★★1387.

Curvaceous Bottom
Novice to S/M, B/D, looking for an assertive, experienced, trustworthy top to show me the ropes. Let's talk. Call ★★1388.

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Are You The One?
Who has been reading my ads but didn't call? I am 51 years young, 12-step, therapy and sex-positive. Let's become friends and build a LTR. You: 45-55 and like activities in the City and snuggling (at least) through the winter. NS, ND, no alcohol or S/M. Call ★★1390.

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Gentle 40+ African-American diva. Looking to meet open-minded, caring, romantic, sincere, honest, sincere, honest woman. Sorry, no smoking or drug abuse, occasional alcohol okay. Life's short, take a chance. There's more to tell. Please write me a detailed, thoughtful letter or call. Include what you'd ask for if a magic genie popped out of nowhere to eagerly grant you three wishes. Write to Boxholder, PO Box 2392, Martinez 94553 or call ★★1391.

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You've Got The Right One, Baby!
If you are looking to laugh, have fun, be romantic, dance, go to movies, make love, be a little crazy, be a little serious from time to time, call me! Be 38-48; be attractive; be a lady with some class. We'll be great together. Be someone who is looking for a lifetime affair—is this possible? Be positive about life—don't be a drag, babe! Call ★★1397.

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Are you a tough, strong-minded, creative femme with a twisted sense of humor and an easygoing nature? Can you play the naughty schoolgirl as well as the innocent housewife? Are you 24-32 with good looks and a sense of fashion? Do you like cute butches with tattoos and motorcycle boots? Then I'm the wacko for you. (S/M is fun, but it's not everything!) Call ★★1398.

Wherefore Art Thou?
Fair maiden brave, bright, sensitive, of passionate heart, attractive, adventurous, good sense of humor, not too tall of PW&H, feminine, in your late-30s/early-40s, courageous, know thyself and your limitations. Like you I am attractive, in my 40s. I have a life that is full and enjoyable; I enjoy all the good things in life. Interested in meeting call me. Call ★★1399.

Delightful Surprises Await
Looking for adventuresome, fun-loving, magical, sensual lesbian, 37-57, who's honest, open, grounded, spiritual, loves to laugh, enjoys great sex, willing to explore an empowering partnership and is a player in life. Come weave magic with me! Call ★★1400.

You Be You, I'll Be...
GWF, 34, 5'6", fit, boyish, self-aware, fun, outdoorsy, thoughtful, professional, attractive, health-conscious, good-natured. I like drumming, movies, cooking. Looking for someone with some of the above qualities. Prefer self-aware, thin women, 33-50, not afraid to be intimate, for fun, laughs & romance. No smoking, alcohol, drugs, bi's or rebounds. Reply BT Box OC3B or call ★★1401.

Hal Ketchum/Suzy Bogguss
These are two of my favorites, so I splurged and bought two tickets for the Nov. 14 dinner & show at the Circle Star. Now I'm looking for the "right" woman to join me as my date! I'm 40, Jewish, a professional, single for almost a year since the ending of a long-term relationship, way into country music but not much of a two-stepper, and not afraid of intimacy. This is my first venture into the personals, so please tell me something about yourself that will help me know that you're the one who should be my date for Hal & Suzy! Call ★★1402.

You're My Love, I'm Your Fool
How would you like to meet a beautiful womin? You would... so would I. That's why I'm writing this for you to read. Beautiful, femme, mostly top lezzie seeks others as hot as me—whatever that may be. I'm fun, happy, very sexual, 35, 5'1", red hair, ND, NS, with a bod for sin and I'd like to meet you if you're a cute dyke, or an attractive womin around the age of 25-35. I seek romance, passion, erotic adventure for those open to the idea. Let's meet, get together and play. I miss the warmth of holding someone all night in my arms... do you? Call ★★1403.

This Is Not A Midlife Crisis
Tired of that rat race feel, ready to get off the wheel? Do you have the courage to reinvent your life and live it with the siren call of Yuppie lesbianism, technocrats, and computer addicts ringing in your ears? Tell me how we can do it as friends or future lovers. I'm 43, heart and soul will always come first. Music is my muse, creativity and humor my healers. Call ★★1404.

Looking For Love In All The Right Places
You are a lesbian, 45-55, in recovery or 12-step, comfortable, therapy and sex-positive, center to femme, NS, ND, no alcohol or S/M. I am a recovering center-to-butch lesbian, positive about life and want to have fun and friendship, sex and a LTR with a lesbian who clicks with me. Reply BT Box OC4B or call ★★1405.

Hoping To Meet
Someone special to spend some quiet time with. I like to read and share my reading. I like to meditate and do relaxation exercises. I like to talk about feelings and my day. I like to take walks and go to the beach. I enjoy music, too. And sharing food. 38+. No smoke, no alcohol, no drugs. Call ★★1406.

Hearth And Home
Sought by 40 y.o. soft butch, professional, therapied, with reverence for communication, reliability, humor, feminism, spirituality and open minds. Seeks alternative family or girlfriend with similar values and goals. Enjoy hiking, reading, film and good conversation. Penchant for women 35+, extroverts & femmes, but open to all persuasions. No substance abusers. Reply BT Box OC5B or call ★★1407.

What's Happening, Ladies?
I'm a very strong, crazy type of lady looking for WFs, 35 on up, to share friendship or to have fun; No drugs or drinking, crazy sex—I've been through all that! Drop a few lines; send a picture if you can. Don't be shy; be you. PO Box 1666, Martinez 94553. It's hard for me to meet other people of our kind.

Spiritually Pretentious But Otherwise Okay
I'm looking for a few more heart-sisters in my life. I know you're out there. The question is—how do we go about meeting each other? If you're like me, you're drawn to warmth, compassion, integrity, affection, acceptance. Reasonable amounts of wisdom and common sense, plus the ability to laugh (at ourselves, when called for) count for a lot. Shared interests are fun but it's the sense of hitting it off together, the shared perspective and willingness to engage, that makes the difference in being close. I'm 41 and live in SF. Life can be good whether I'm in a relationship or being single. Without a few more close companions, though, it's like tofu without the soy sauce. So if you can talk with your friends about absolutely anything (and do, almost every day), if you feel that life's in the details as well as in the big events, please write BT Box OC6B or call ★★1408.

Selectively Seeking
New lesbian friends and one LTR. You enjoy at least one of these: traveling near & far, camping, x-country skiing, martial arts, music, CW dancing, quiet times at home, new adventures. Must be spiritual (not religious), dog-friendly, nonsmoking, bright, reasonably fit, emotionally available (capable of giving & receiving), therapeutically evolved (graduation not necessary). I'm 38, 5'6", professional, all those "must be's" and more. Romantics with a sense of humor in East Bay or San Rafael area especially encouraged to reply. PO Box 778, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★1409.

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Seeks "Doris Day" type for pillow talk. Soft butch would love to treat you like a lady. Please be smoke/alcohol/drug-free and financially/emotionally stable with no children. I'm 40, fun, full of life and ready for adventure! You be too! Call ★★1411.

Read On, Blondie, This One's For You
Come back to your lover's arms, baby! Let me entice, excite, ignite you as never before. I'll show you how good the 2nd best top can be! Even after seven years of marriage, you get me off like no one else in a pair of 501's. What do you say? Jump in bed, we'll move Bo, Boomer, Piggy and Thumper aside and give them a show to make them blush! Love you, BBP, your PWW always! Call ★★1412.

Wouldn't It Be Wonderful
To meet a woman, feel great chemistry and have her be ready, willing and able to be with you in a lasting romance. It's certainly my dream. For starters, try on this description and see if it fits—you're a sensual, sexually assertive butch (or strong femme), 38+, NS, educated, emotionally developed, therapied, culturally and socially active (you love city living). An articulate and honest communicator of feelings, you're also passionate, self-aware and playful. I'm all of the above and 40s, femme, Jewish, plump, blond and attractive—a psychotherapist who can be intense, exciting, fun-loving, vulnerable, open and warm. Things we would enjoy include music, film, theater, nature, restaurants and hot chemistry together. Call ★★1413.

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Cat-free, catagoraphobic WF (33, 5'6", size 12/14) looking for friends for cheap fun—i.e.: music/comedy/movies/talking/moonwatching/drumbanging, etc. Awkward, tall, metaphysical, musical, analytical, or just plain silly replies encouraged. East Bay/SF (or willing to travel). Call ★★1414.

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Frantic Romantic
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Already married, seeks horny, curvy, warm, intellectual, sometimes girlfriend who longs to just lay there and writhe and moan... Me: 5'8", brn/blue, sweet, physically strong, emotionally a mess—like wrestling, talking and making love rough or gentle. You: femmyesque, unusual, truthful—must be sensitive! Must like penis fantasies! If you are sincerely interested in sex, or just want someone to hold you, do call! Call ★★1417.

Romance And Love
And commitment with the right person. 40s, fit, seeking same. Call ★★1418.

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Suites make me sweat with desire! Spank me in the boardroom. Reach in with your fist & grab my heart in the playroom. I have a mind & a soul to go with my body's desire. 30-yr-old sex toy, blue-eyed prof'l. Bonus points: 32-43, East Coast origin, full red lips, endorphins your only drug of choice. Call ★★1419.

Womyn Looking For Womyn
I'm looking for a friend. Someone to talk to, to play with, share secrets. I'm very community-conscious, but have no attitude. I'm vegetarian, professional, fun-loving and thoughtful. I want someone with similar ideas. If you are 35-45, nonsmoker, please call. No 12-steppers or drugs, please. Call ★★1420.

They Gave Me A Free
Ad. How could I refuse? Autumn is here, my favorite season. It would be nice to have someone to share it with. Walks in the woods on crisp fall days, with the trees turning magnificent colors, lazily watching a leaf float down the stream. If you're 35-50, live in the East Bay, nonsmoker, call me and we'll talk. Reply BT Box OC7B or call ★★1421.

Sickeningly Wholesome
Midwestern roots, nonsmoker, well-educated, good humored, athletic, normal, human being. Catholic upbringing neutralized by many years of having fun and thinking rationally. Like to meet fun, active, 34-49s for usual outdoor pursuits and Bay Area events. Is there someone out there who likes dancing, is current in humor, dress, etc., but doesn't feel inclined to pierce or tattoo her body? Remember, midwestern roots... I'm still shy. Reply BT Box OC8B or call ★★1422.

Woman!
Yeah, baby, I mean you. You'd better say what you feel. You make my heart sing. In your arms & sleeping safe beside you. The ease of our love. Your smile, tireless listening, big heart & effort to understand and do right by me. I got strong, warm, intelligent, fun, inspirational... +7. Oh, baby, you may get what you want, but only when I let you. I love the effect I have on you. You ever think maybe I'm the one puttin' a spell on? Call ★★1423.

South American Looking For Friends
To go to the movies, long walks, dining out, dancing, flea markets. Call ★★1424.

I Need Stimulation
Perhaps you do too? Over 40, longtime queer seeks same. Unconventional, independent, creative, funny. Appreciate spontaneity. Politically and spiritually aware. All replies read. Reply BT Box OC9B.

Fiery Substance
With balance sought by attractive, tall; direct, NS, ND, sexually adventurous, kind, politically and culturally aware lesbian. I'm seeking a lesbian (30-40) who is often confident, knows her attractiveness, can disagree with a twinkle in her eye, is open to intellectual and sexual adventures, has a sense of humor, is kind, creative, probably tall and has "grown" some maturity. A mutual challenge would make my heart and mind race. Letters encouraged. Reply BT Box OC10B or call ★★1425.

I'm Ready
For a woman to share life, passion and dreams with. Someone who is not afraid to explore her edges or to push mine. I'm 42, soft butch, romantic, adventurous, working class and fiercely loyal. You can be anything from butch to femme, over 30 or not. What counts is the spark. If it's there, anything can happen. If it's not, I'm a good friend and I'm always looking for good people in my life. Call ★★1426.

Whoop! Here It Is!
It's been not a smooth path to love, but there is no one else I'd rather be with than you, my little Bostonian bottom. Love always, Boo-Boo.

Peninsula Professional
Places highest value on integrity & decisiveness. Desires those who are available for LTR if we connect. My passions: horses, Star Trek, my new computer, movies, the mountains, country & jazz, true blue friends & a beer now & then. Me: early-40s, jeans & boots type with Southern accent. You: 30+ & open to adventure! Interested? All responses will be answered. Call ★★1427.

Princess Charming
I am a nurturing, affectionate, witty, wise, tall 5'9", soft butch woman seeking a warm, caring, tall, creative, bright, funny, joyful, feminine woman, 40-50 (preferably a Scorpio, Cancer, Virgo, Taurus or Capricorn). We love gardening, travel, drawing, singing and romance novels (lesbian only). We dream and create our future. Both of us are financially secure and can splurge as we like (Cape Cod, Key West). I'm ready. Are you? Reply BT Box OC11B or call ★★1428.

Dykes to Watch Out For



Consider Gravity
Every body in the universe is constantly falling together: mutual attraction. Yet recently I seem to be defying natural law. I'd like to re-enter the universe, please. Sure, it's a nutty place. But, what is life, if not an adventure? I'm willing to take my chances. What about you? Could you be the body to pull me back in? Reply BT Box OC12B or call ★★1429.

Real Butch Seeks Real Femme
If you've read the book, *The Persistent Desire*, you know what I mean... GF, butch-identified & good-looking, seeks femme-identified GF for dates, intimacy & fun times. No andro-dykes or P.C. girls. Call ★★1430.

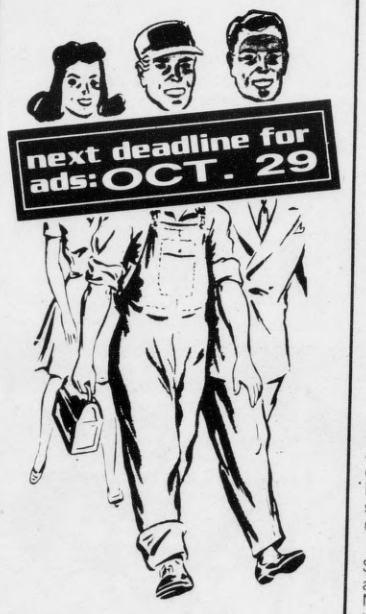
Lookin' For Love, Relationship
GWF, 36 yrs. old, 140 lbs., hazel eyes, 5'5", soft butch—not butch looking. Hobbies: cooking, gardening, traveling, ocean, mtns & more. Seeking: fin. secure feminine 25-50, who is loving, honest, caring and romantic. Willing to love & want to make a committed relationship. Please no bad habits, users, head games; no smoking, drugs, drink. See if we click. Send photo & letter to PO Box 580633, Modesto 95351.

What's My Angle?
My line? My circle? I'm newish to SF and am looking to meet lesbians to date. I enjoy movies, theater, city and country walks, a good laugh, a good cry, a good meal... I also like science fiction/fact, traveling and gambling. I'm cute, reddish hair, 35, butch of center, zoftig. We've both been described as dependable, smart and not tall. Call ★★1431.

Feminine To Feminine
Featuring the best catch in SF. If you are feminine (non-butch, non-androgynous, non-short hair—non-spank me in a swinging sling, thank you—non-not sure if you may fit); if you wear make-up, prefer camping at the Hyatt, and are 30s to 40s, then please read on. In addition to being selective; I am a very sensitive, kind, caring, intelligent, fun, professional, sexy, loyal, loving, passionate, smart, adventurous, strong, silly, down-to-earth, compassionate, supportive friend/lover. I am feminine, attractive, available and looking... Call ★★1432.

Romance N E 1?
Have you discovered the only thing in life to be taken seriously is love? Will you go to lengths for a succulent oyster? Would you like to hold the arm of a tall, striking blonde on a moonlight night? I'd like a beautiful brunette holding mine. Dancing fiends welcome. Jocks discouraged. Honesty and good communication skills a must. Have your addictions under control. Proximity encourages spontaneity, so SF women only please. Reply BT Box OC13B or call ★★1433.

Who's Zoomin' Who?—2—(Deja Vu?)
I'm butch, blonde, 40+, medium build, 5'6", have a B.A. in theater arts and work in a totally unrelated field in SF. I have recently moved to Marin from SF. I like sophisticated, pretty femme women. I enjoy elegant restaurants, dancing, lattes, tennis, socializing with friends and lots of other stuff. I placed just one other ad in the *SF Bay Times* (2 years ago). At that time, I said I had "2 kids, 2 cats and 2 plants." Those plants died and were replaced. One cat died—he was replaced. No—the kids have not been replaced. Though, just the youngest now lives with me. Unfortunately, I met someone right after I placed the other ad, and she said that my future well-being would be in doubt if I answered any of those really cute-sounding women who left messages. I am single once again, and I implore those of you who remember leaving a message (which I did not answer) to leave me another message—promise I will answer your calls. Anybody else who is a really cute femme woman just reading this and wondering what I'm talking about, if you aren't yawning yet, give me a call. Not to worry too much—I'm good enough looking that not too many of your friends will laugh out loud or throw up if they see us together in public. In the "for what it's worth" category, I'm a Pisces. Reply BT Box OC14B or call ★★1434.



Russian Roulette
Ever wish you could switch play partners by night and maintain stable friendships by day? Hope to be jumped in a dark alley? Fantasies about hunting in packs and finding a victim? Want to flip a scene without losing consent or the element of surprise? Looking to form a pack of dykes who like, want and respect each other enough to gang up on one another, push each other's limits, create elaborate scenes. Send us your idea of a hot scene and maybe we'll pull it off. Reply BT Box OC15B or call ★★1435.

She's For You
My best friend is a real catch. She's smart, fun, cute, sexy (I hear), athletic, well-read, and loyal to the end of time. She's great with our kid, tolerates our dogs, and is unexplainably attached to her desert tortoises. Her professional and money trips are together, and she has a great car. So, all she needs is you—someone compassionate, passionate, age 30 to 50, and ready to "get real." No smokers or heartbreakers need apply. Reply BT Box OC16B or call ★★1436.

Hello
I'm writing this for my friend. For the quick-glance-at-the-ad girls, she's 33, a soft butch, intelligent, sensitive, funny and cute. She's a teacher and I'm getting an "F" for finding her dates. I'm hoping this ad gets my grade up to an "A." Progress reports come out next week, so you femmes call in and help me out. Call ★★1437.

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SHARED INTEREST

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The Shared Interest ads are part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Bridge Anyone?
I'm looking for lesbians & gay men who are interested in playing bridge on a regular basis. I'm thinking of every other Thursday night and preferably in the East Bay. Get out your bridge mix & let's play! Call ★★1491.

Play With Us—Lez Jam!
We are intermediate to advanced musicians with small egos and great attitudes. We're looking for women who want to play for pleasure: blues, rock, standards, funk, you call it, we'll try it. East Bay but we're flexible if you are. Call ★★1492.

Music, Anyone?
Intermediate-level pianist looking for instrumentalists or vocalists interested in playing chamber music. This will be just for fun—no Carnegie Hall performances in view! Please call ★★1493.

Prospective Queer Parents
Do you want to be one? We are a community group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am for a potluck & discussion about lesbians & gay men co-parenting together or known donor situations. If you are looking for a co-parent or just looking for support—come & eat with us. Call ★★1494.

Exchange Massage
CMT wishes to exchange with sincere slim to med. built GM. You need not be certified only sincere and experienced in nurturing the spirit as well as the body. This is not a sex ad. As a massage therapist for the critically ill I am in need of a deep, caring touch to help me keep centered. Masage, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call ★★1495.

Women Runners And Walkers
Come out and get sweaty with us! The San Francisco FrontRunner Women are waiting to welcome you. Do you want a fast five-mile run? A gentle one-mile walk? Something in-between? We run (or walk), have fun. Come join us (and the guys), 9 am Saturdays, Stow Lake Boathouse, GG Park. Call ★★1496.

Both Cross Dress
Would like to meet a woman who would like to attend a Halloween party dressed as a man, casual or formal, and I would attend dressed as a female—dress, wig, etc. It's my fantasy and we could have dinner before and have some fun. Box 889, Brisbane, CA 94005. I'm 45 years old, sincere and a real nice person. Just for party—not looking for romance or sex. Call ★★1497.

Dyke Guitar Player
Seeks dyke drummer to work on original material: electric & distorted—style depends on mood. Not lookin' to process relationships with lovers to the point of avoiding the music. Do not want to deal with any drug scene—want to explore sounds & grooves. Call ★★1498.

Gay Clergy Support
Are you a professed gay religious or ordained member of the clergy who would like to socialize and exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the church? Write: Support, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call ★★1499.

A Monthly Reading Group
For people who like to discuss good literature. We focus on contemporary, noncanonical writers, and are open to classics. If you appreciate a wide diversity of tastes and opinions as a basis for discussion and argument, please respond (pulp schlock fans—Krantz, Steele, Grisham, et al.—please don't bother). Some recent favorites: Dale Peck, Dorothy Allision, Kazuo Ishiguro, Jane Smiley. Respond with five favorite authors. PO Box 426796, SF 94142 or call ★★1500.

Feminist Therapy Withhold
I'm suffering through a very non-feminist program to get my M.S. in Rehab. Counseling. Are there other therapists, in training or out, who would be interested in an informal consultation group or (dare I say it?) study group to relate, commiserate and talk about power issues in therapy? Radical, troublemaking rabblerousers especially encouraged to respond. Call ★★1501.

bi
BISEXUAL

Healthy White Bi Boy
Wants one smart, slender, slick, Asian or Pacific Island bi girl for sharing, for laughing and maybe forever. PO Box 835, San Bruno 94066 or call ★★1450.

Happily Married Bisexual Male
5'8", 33, brn/grn, attractive, dark skin, gym-toned, articulate, well-adjusted and happily married bisexual male seeks same or some derivative thereof. My wife and I are committed to making our marriage work and therefore recognize and support my need to hook up with another man who is in a primary relationship. I'm looking for friendship, camaraderie and/or sex, it all depends. Please be comfortable with yourself, your sexuality and be somewhat aware of what you are looking for. Reply BT Box OC300B or call ★★1451.

Bisexual Married Couple
With limited safe experience, attractive, 40s, but look and act younger, healthy, with strong relationship and friends, desires to meet couple for safe sexy fun together, friendship and hanging out. We enjoy alternative dance clubs, Castro, SoMa, cafes, motorcycles (both ride), x-movies, undressing, watching, being watched, eroticism, toys, bondage, leather, touching and maybe more with the right people. Please reply BT Box OC301B or call ★★1452.

Womyn Of Power
SWM, bi, 34, seeking dominant, controlling womyn. Use me for your pleasure, amusement and service. I have experience as houseboy, cook, masseur, errands, toy, slut. Consider myself both true slave/masochist. My limits are offered to you to expand as you wish. I enjoy all aspects of dominance/submission from psychological surrender of control to another person and moderate to heavy physical play. PO Box 11330, Oakland 94611 or call ★★1453.

Married, Bi, White Male, Age 50
I'm too heavy, started back at the gym. I'm very oral; HIV-; like to explore new things. Am novice. Would like to meet W/A/H women or couples for friendship and erotic times. I'm not pushy. No game or shame, just respect and understanding. Call ★★1454.

Queer But Curious
Male hetero-virgin in homo-marriage seeking queer or queer-friendly female sex buddy. Get high, dance, fuck? Once? Twice? Me: charming, cynical, blue-eyed cherub, 32, artist. You: similar but with a higher estrogen level and good sense of humor. Call ★★1455.

Meaningless Sex Leading To Marriage
Or maybe not. Pierced, tattooed, cute, brilliant boy seeks womyn, 18-58 (especially lesbians) and boys, 18-21, butch as hell. Reply BT Box OC302B or call ★★1456.

Santa Rosa
Lovely, mature, conservative, very dominant bi woman whose hobby & avocation is the training of male slaves seeks a promising new candidate. You should be naturally compliant, eager to learn all aspects of slavehood, accept discipline happily, seek to become a charming, lovely graceful chattel. She also likes to talk to other dominants. Call ★★1457.

Bi-Curious Boy Wonders
GM, 20, curious about interest in grrrls. 6', 155 lbs., kinda shy yet outgoing, would like to meet young hers & especially young hims to chat, pal around, workout, whatever. Keep smilin'. Reply BT Box OC303B or call ★★1458.

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MESSAGES

Mr. Pac Bell...
... with the moustache, earring and tight faded jeans... We saw each other near Oakland's Lakeshore early Saturday afternoon, Oct. 2. It was a beautiful day. Our smiles, waves and "thumbs up" were intriguing and left me feeling really nice. I know we both liked what we saw, so I'm hoping to connect. Call ★★1530.

For Anyone Responding To
"Hasten Search" on Monday, Oct. 11, anytime: Messages were erased due to unexplained mishap. Please call back. Reply BT Box OC700B or call ★★1531.

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MEN

Redwood City J/O Buddy(ies)
I'm seeking gay or bisexual male(s) who, like myself, reside in Redwood City. I'm tired of having to go to San Francisco (or for that matter other cities) to satisfy my sexual needs. There must be other gay or bisexual male(s) that reside in my city that need or want a J/O partner. I want to get together with you over your place on the weekends to satisfy both our sexual needs. So, if you're like me, over 21, HIV-, and again a resident of Redwood City, contact PO Box 880, Redwood City 94064 for more information.

GWM, 62, 5'8", 160 Lbs., HIV-
Professional. Likes movies, classical music, art, travel; is kind, sensitive, understanding, empathetic. Looking for 35+ GM for friendship and relationship. Please send photo and letter to BT Box OC70B or call ★★1545.

Little Guy—Big Cock
You fit the saying that big surprises come in small packages; love showing off your big meat and enjoy the attention when guys admire that big dick on your little body. WM, late 40s, wants to worship your cock. Asians and Blacks a plus. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★1546.

Let's Negotiate Great Sex
OK, here's the deal—I'm hoping someone else is looking for the same thing I am: A friend and companion, a great sex partner, an intimate relationship within the guidelines of independence and self-reliance. I am a 37-yr-old Hispanic man, 130 lbs., 5'6", with a real big... "heart." I am asymptomatic HIV+ and physically, emotionally and financially stable. I recently retired from work in order to enjoy life and love but despite having a lot of life I have no love. I am seeking an African-American male between 30-45 yrs. old who does not need me to validate his existence but instead needs me to be there every once in a while for a hug, a movie and great sex. Let's negotiate that medium between loner and lover. Reply BT Box OC71B or call ★★1547.

Fit, Romantic And 65
Mature WASP still looking for Mr. Right. I'm 5'10", 175 lbs., silver hair, blue eyes, smooth body, medium build (in every sense) and looking for the same—romantic, average guy w/ above avg. sensibilities. Not into sleaze, youngsters, gym bunnies or "hung" men. Passion and affection is what I need. I care about people, but need someone special to care about me. Photo to PO Box 2608, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★1548.

Hopeless Romantic
In this shallow world of computers, mind deadening TV, and rampant violence, I still believe it is possible to have a happy, healthy, intelligent, caring and intensely sexual relationship. My interests include literature, the arts, films, travel, animal issues, volunteer work, also simple pleasures, conversations in cafes, playing games, cooking, gardening. Sexually I prefer someone 30-45, GWM, a top, not strictly vanilla sex, but no serious S/M, nonsmoker/drugs. I am a GWM, 40, attractive, blnd-blue, 190, HIV+. Reply BT Box OC72B or call ★★1549.

Happily Married Bisexual Male
5'8", 33, brn/grn, attractive, dark skin, gym-toned, articulate, well-adjusted and happily married bisexual male seeks same or some derivative thereof. My wife and I are committed to making our marriage work and therefore recognize and support my need to hook up with another man who is in a primary relationship. I'm looking for friendship, camaraderie and/or sex, it all depends. Please be comfortable with yourself, your sexuality and be somewhat aware of what you are looking for. Reply BT Box OC73B or call ★★1550.

Fire & Water = Steam Heat
April baby with powerful personality wants to meet his match. I'm hard-headed at times, but not hard-hearted, 37, physically demonstrative, romantic, authentic, emotionally available, sweet, and not given to understatement. At 6'2", I am imposing, but not daunting, have dark along with well-earned gray hair, blue eyes. I'm not unattractive, resemble by Slavic heritage, and won't cause whiplash in the Castro. I have a good sense of humor, and usually am first to laugh at myself. I'm healthy, though snore, swear on occasion, drink moderately, and smoke tobacco. I am also playful, spontaneous, oral, monogamous, creative, passionate, independent, nurturing, vulnerable yet strong, considerate, a bit obsessive/compulsive, and imperfect. I enjoy a demanding career and have time and desire for a committed relationship with one splendid man. I am not into the scene, bars, mind-games or short-term "dating." I am interested in what's in your heart and your mind, not what's in your wallet. If you are more earthy than flighty, impassioned, about 35-45, not unaggressive, and know the difference between being in love with love and the real thing, read on. If, among other things, you value friendships, savor Sundays, like movies, good food, lots of laughter and can handle the odd visit to a museum, keep going. If you're bright, read a book more than once per decade and recognize that sex without affection and intimacy is not for you either, don't hesitate to call. Call ★★1551.

Daytime Sex Buddy
GWM, 5'10", 160, 40 yrs. young, blue/brn, smooth, average build, professional, hot for mutual safe sex buddies in SF/North Bay. You: top, clean, discreet and very horny, similar age, stats or younger. Men of color a plus. Gay, bi or straight. Will explore fantasies and try new things. Call ★★1552.

Catch 36
We may both be positive but do we now have to be negative about each other? Safe in the arms of one who understands what you've been through and what we hope the future may hold. I am a Black gay male, 36, 5'8", 145 lbs., attractive, HIV+, healthy, sane and stable. Attracted to men of all colors between 25-35 who are also attracted to me. I'm sorry if my status will stop you from taking the chance of getting to know me but that's your loss. Sorry, no Republicans, overweights, uglies, opera buffs, materialists or those prone to self-delusions. Smokers or light drinkers are OK. Call ★★1553.

I Know Where Love Lives
It lives within you and me. Let's feed and nurture it with laughter, song, candlelight, warm lips and cool touches. GBM, 5'8", 136 lbs., lean and attractive, seeks someone who may know where love lives for him. Even if you don't know, let's get a map and discover together. The excursion will be wonderful if you are 21-40 years old, nice body, attractive, versatile or sensuous bottom. Take a chance! Reply BT Box OC74B or call ★★1554.

Uncut Bear
40, bearded, hairy and hung seeks men, 35+, for play. Into: kissing, sucking, titplay, sweat, beer piss, foreskins, poppers, leather, hot talk... you get the idea. Call ★★1555.

U: Fair & Redhaired.
Me: Hairy Handsome Italian
Zen crapshoot? I like: curly/blue eyes (the physical isn't the emphasis here—it's important though), real, earthy, very forthright-kind; spontaneous, not jaded; humane; monogamous. Creativity-innovation-mavericks a la Zorn-Naked City, Fripp, Orb, Eno, Ornette Coleman, Witkin, Starck, Bogosian, L. Bruce, Bergman. Me: guitarist-mover; mesomorphic, shaved head. No "wait 4ever idealists." 50% = fortunate; 75% = lucky; 100% = miracle. Which? Call ★★1556.

Homo Alone
Attractive, versatile, bottom-leaning, oral, HIV-, 40 y.o., bl/bl, fit, 200 lbs., tan, masculine, into motorcycles, hot cars and a nice home life, not bars or gay scene. You: not secure, but want to be, acts straight, stocky, burly, hairy, all pluses; easygoing, affectionate, top-leaning, HIV-, honest, oversexed, enjoys home as well as adventure. Write to: K., PO Box 578305, Modesto 95357-8305.

Househusband Need New Home
Leaving monogamous 6 yr. relationship. GWM, 27, 165, brown/brown curly long, bearded, educated, gardener, nonsmoker (cigs), music (no CW), movies, camping, travel, wines, nudism, HIV- (not phobic), no debt load. You: can fulfill my needs, mostly top. I am excellent cook (trained), former Bay resident, mostly bottom, witty, feeling-oriented former 12-stepper, ready to start again and build a new circle. You will not be disappointed. Reply BT Box OC75B or call ★★1557.

Your Cock Is King
Let's get creative and sensual. You sit back and relax—guide me in long, slow sessions of wet & warm cock worship. I'll stop occasionally and tell you how great you are. We can think of other sensual activities as we go—dog collar? Watersports, body worship (kiss your ass for hours), humiliation? No reciprocation wanted, no pain. You: well-toned, sexy. Me: Latin, handsome, 34, eager. Reply BT Box OC76B or call ★★1558.

Handsome, Hopeful And Honest
No exaggerations or games by this GWM who is 38, 6'2", 187#, brn/grn, HIV-, NS/ND. I'm masculine, athletic, muscular, romantic, caring and loving; a professional who is emotionally

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Handsome Professional

Intelligent, handsome and athletic GWM, 36, 5'9", 170#, HIV-, brown hair, brown eyes, seeks athletic and muscular Asians, 21-40, to share fun and safe encounters. Not looking for romance, but mature and together guys who can appreciate a good time. Call ★★1560.

Sex Toy & Houseboy Wanted

For 24 hours of slavery on regular schedule (maybe every other Saturday). Master is white, tall, brown/blue, moustached, experienced, Scorpio. Have fun but sometimes very demanding toys. Any race, age (legal), experience level or bi is OK. But be ready for bondage, obedience training and discipline. Cum share my open spirit and fun imagination while giving it up to me. Always safe, sane and consensual. Call ★★1561.

Looking For Friends To Share...

Hiking, movies, classical music, theater, books, travel, quiet dinners and good conversation with GWM retired professor who hasn't forgotten or regretted the '60s. I'm active, healthy, tall, bespectacled, and with somewhat long hair. You are a GWM who might also be interested in parapsychology and other frontier sciences, Jungian psychology and non-Western kinds of spirituality. Let's meet for coffee. Please write to BT Box OC77B.

Smelly Socked Feet

WM master looking for sock slave, 18-40. Must like raunchy, smelly socks; forced public shoe removal, exposing dirty, stinking socked feet; enforced long-term sock/shoe wear; rules; humiliation; kinky sock games; sock worship; forced sockwalks. Reply BT Box OC78B or call ★★1562.

Seeking Not Too Nice Jewish Boy

Intelligent, humorous, playful, progressive, romantic and responsible GM, 29, loves both his public sector job and his cartoon dinosaur shower curtain. Call ★★1563.

A Man With Qualities Seeks Same

33 y.o. GWM physician, 5'9", 150, HIV-, multilingual (speaks German, French, Greek), classical pianist and opera fan, lover of European literature (currently exploring Musil's *The Man Without Qualities*) seeks sexy man within ten years of my age who is health-conscious, curious, literate, enjoys weekend getaways and various means of intimate verbal and nonverbal communication and meta-communication. No muscle clones, New Age Boys, tattoos, piercings, skin grafts or other faddish forms of self-mutilation. Reply BT Box OC79B or call ★★1564.

"Explore The Arctic Ember—World's Last Wonder"

Someone out there has got to be the luckiest guy in the world to find true love, because this one great-looking, 28 y.o., Eurasian, who's 5'7", 140 lbs., blk/brn, a well-trimmed smooth body, a good integrated heart and so much fun to be with, is looking for a marrying man to build a solid, happy, and a meaningful relationship with. Integrity, lots of compassion, and a capacity to love is the only way toward the "Last Wonder of the World." Send picture & letter for a brochure. Reply BT Box OC80B.

Livermore Based

Very attractive 22 y.o. Mexican, 5'11", 140#, seeks handsome, muscular brunette GWM over 6', 200#ish, 25-36. Turn-ons: romance, kissing, sweaty sex, hairy chests, trucks, baseball hats, cops and Yuppies. Turn-offs: bad breath, 1-track-minds, mindgames and drug abusers. Seeking 1 who knows where his priorities are including wanting a lifetime relationship with 1 who makes him feel like he's the only thing that matters. Your picture gets mine. Reply BT Box OC81B or call ★★1565.

Big Guy—Little Cock?

Like 'em buffed, beefy & small hung. Guys w/a muscular build who like their whole body worshipped will be served by this handsome, Asian dude, 27, 5'7", 130 lbs. Smooth guys a plus. Call ★★1566.

Romantic & Sincere

Nice-looking, 49, GWM, 5'8", 157 lbs., non-smoker, HIV-, quality guy seeks special (34-47) GWM. I like theater, dining out, travel and cuddling, not necessarily in that order. We're both personable, caring, successful, kind, loving & fun. You must be honest, know how to communicate and like who you are. Please call ★★1567.

It Shouldn't Be This Difficult....

We work too hard and get up too early on weekdays to do the bars, so we end up without a date for Saturday. What a shame. Weekends should be spent with another good-looking guy, biking in Golden Gate Park, skiing in the mountains or just building fires after dinner. Late-30s, professional GWM, tall, HIV-, getting gray, but still told he's handsome. You probably wear a suit to work and (like me) wondered how all those guys at the Folsom Street Fair looked so good with their jockstraps showing. I'm hopelessly masculine, completely gay, but the chances for us meeting in the bars are low. I'm looking for a boyfriend, but won't be rushed. Interested? No risk. Professional guys—take a chance. Your letter and photo gets mine or gets returned. Or, do a friend a favor and tell me about his picture. Reply BT Box OC82B.

Spur Of The Moment Ad

Just under the deadline! Me: 42, 6', 190 lbs., dark brown hair & eyes, trimmed salt & pepper beard, HIV+ healthy, top, furry-chested, attractive, easygoing, Jewish, romantic, realistic, bright, witty, professional, great sense of humor, many hobbies—music, reading, gardening, travel, a wonderful dog, enjoy cooking as well as making reservations, NS, ND, have car. Mr. Right has come & gone (several times), now looking for Mr. Next. You: reaching for the phone... Call ★★1568.

Tahoe Skiing

The ski season is near. I am looking for a friend(s) to share travel in Tahoe; also open to out-of-state areas. Intermediate level; sex optional. I'm 42, GBM, 5'11", 175, attractive, in-shape, versatile (not a top), HIV-. Prefer contacts in Contra Costa County, same age range, any ski level; discreet, masculine only, no drugs/cigarettes or alcoholism. Call ★★1569.

Asian Cub

North American brown bear seeks panda cub. Big brother type (40, interesting, successful, not bad looking) wants to meet slender Asian, 30s. Must be bright, responsible, adventurous, game-, smoke- and drug-free, HIV-. Fun dates and serious stuff are all possible. To learn more call ★★1570.

I Like To Watch, Be Watched

I am 40 y.o. European, short 5'5", in good shape, hairy legs, ass, nice cut dick. You are healthy, any age, in-shape, hairy below the waist. Reply: PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★1571.

Linear Playmate

I'd like to find a tall, tightly-made, wiry, super-fit and hard-bodied guy in his 20s or 30s with whom to safely, zestily, voraciously frisk. Natural masculinity preferred, but endowment, body/facial hair or its lack, and social "rank" unimportant. I'm 38, nicely muscled but slender at 6'3" and 168, blond. Big joys are foreplay, affection, playful tussling, and versatility in the hay. I live in E. Bay. Call ★★1572.

Massage And Cock/Balls Workout

Oral, safe, mature c/s and uncertified bodyrubber ready for you! Peninsula/Alameda County/South Bay dudes who don't call do without. Call for my visit and "handy" talents. I'm average in all respects, HIV-, deanshaven. All welcome, but you gotta wait your turn. New, curious, shy, small, straight... all clean are welcome. Be HIV-, non-chemically dependent, please. Call ★★1573.

Looking For Mr. Pretty Good

Stable, nice guy seeks same. Me: 5'11", 170#, 40 y.o., attractive, hazel, brown (sparse on top), moustache. Jewish, homeowner (East Bay), professionally employed, HIV-, NS, ND, light drinking, many talents and interests. I value integrity, sensitivity, honesty, humor, self-awareness, spirituality of some flavor. Looking for Caucasian or Hispanic, 30-50, who shares/complements/appreciates the above characteristics. Reply BT Box OC83B or call ★★1574.

ADventure + CHemistry =

... a cute and masculine guy into "innocent" explorations, friendship, great adventures and possible LTR. The result of my chemistry quest should equal someone just as cute on the inside as on the outside, an honest guy under 31 who's ready for an adventure of his own. Smooth and slim types earn extra points. I'm 32, 6'1", 165#, blond/blue, very outgoing and kinda intense. C'mon, let's find out how much fun science can really be! Reply BT Box OC84B or call ★★1575.

Just A Date

Looking to meet those eligible GWMs who seem to be spending less time bar-hopping—more time exploring other stimulating activities; expressing their crazy side on occasion. Me: 30s GWM, 5'8", 150, HIV-, cleanshaven, muscular, attractive, professional, love travel, CW dancing. You: similar stats, under 42, two-stepper, muscular body, sexually versatile, financially secure, live in SF. Call ★★1576.

Do I Meet Your Specs?

Wholly masculine, hairy, 53, 5'10", pretty solid 196#, brown hair/eyes, gray beard, bright, honest, stable, professional, allegedly handsome, good sense of humor; lover of the arts, fine food, travel: affectionate, tactile, romantic, humorous; HIV-, uncut 7"; if I do, and you are smaller, younger, HIV-, tell me about you. Call ★★1577.

I Want To Be Your Part Time Lover

GWM, HIV+, 41, 6'2", 165 lbs., brown/blue, moderately hairy, with a hard body, big dick and deep voice is looking for a supportive, very sexual and "part time" relationship. I'm not ready to co-habitate with anyone, but hot sex and spending time together when it's convenient for both of us would be ideal. I'm versatile, but prefer bottom. I'm a nice guy with a conscience. Interested? Call ★★1578.

Roosters Strut Your Stuff

Do you dig talking dirty and jerking off? Do you dig cock & ball worship? Do you dig drinking and partying? I like all of the above. Seeking masculine and hung guys into the above to get together, my place, Oakland, 10-11 pm. We share party costs 50/50. It's a one-on-one scene. It's not a fuck/suck scene. Not into videos, mirrors, toys, shaved, groups, tits, ass. Age, size, looks not important. Commitment to talking, stroking, partying, cock worship is all that is needed. Call ★★1579.

Spiritually Active Older Guy

Looking to reinspire the best of adolescence with attractive, comfortable, self-aware younger guy, 18-25. I'm healthy, lively, successful, warm, sincere and adaptable. I love good music, long walks, intimate evenings, and adventurous travel. Long or short-term relationships as well as friendships are welcome. Send letter and photo to PO Box 9687, Berkeley 94709 or call ★★1580.

Bear Seeking Gorilla

Very masculine, hairy (front and back), bearded, muscular bear, 40, 5'8", 153#, seeking friendship and very physical action with similar or bigger, beefy, super-hairy gorilla who loves the feel of two strong, tough, hairy animals' bodies grinding together. Should share most of these interests: weightlifting, massage, pro-style wrestling, boxing, 49ers, pinball, and long hours of rough, sweaty, furry-chest-to-furry-chest groping and grappling. Call ★★1581.

Come Sit On It

While I nibble your nipples and drive you wild with desire. Later, a romantic dinner, quiet movie. Middle Eastern professional, 42, 5'8", 165 lbs., hairy, looking for romance and more. Asians and Latins especially welcome. HIV- Call ★★1582.

The Doctor Is Out

Spanish-Filipino doctor, 26, 5'10", 155, very attractive, gym-toned, smooth, likes hiking, camping, sports, music, seeks GWM, 20-32, muscular, attractive top for friendship/relationship. Call ★★1583.

Can You Hear The Blues?!

Are you attractive intellectually, emotionally, physically and spiritually? Are you busy with your career and able to maintain your separate identity in a meaningful and committed relationship? I am 55 y.o., 5'9", 150 lbs., bearded, HIV-, professional, with very good relationship track record. I greatly enjoy walking, beaches, music, theater, talking, travel. I seek intelligent, educated, articulate, emotionally available, responsible male, capable of joy, late-30s to early-50s, nonsmoker. Reply BT Box OC85B or call ★★1584.

Jock Sucker

This masculine, good-looking, bearded, HIV-husky, sports-minded dad is looking for masculine jocks who want to be serviced on a regular basis. I'm in my mid-40s and not concerned about your age, but looks should be important to both of us so glad to exchange photos. Live in South Bay but will travel for right jock. PO Box 722, Campbell 95009 or call ★★1585.

Psychodelik Silly Boy

Attraktiv, 25, slim, pierced, tattooed fag. Musik is ever-thang: Butthole Surfers, Coil, Current 93, etc. A sort of tekno-grunge-space groove kinda sickness. Into eating, drinking, sleeping, being



cynical and hating reality. Oh yeah—I smoke and love it! Sound like someone you could stand to be around? Let's hang out and groove—nothing more expected, but hey, you just never know. Call ★★1586.

A Special Guy Next Door

Very sweet-looking GAM, 30s, 5'9", 140 lbs., nicely tanned and trim, healthy, HIV-, cute/handsome, nice personality and ready to settle down with a similar GWM. I like the outdoors but I also like to stay home with the right guy. Prefer 25-35, young-looking, enjoy conversations, knows what he wants in life and not afraid of commitment. Let's go for it! Call ★★1587.

Up For It?

Attractive, youthful GWM (48) with afternoons and some evenings free is looking for someone to have safe-erotic times with. Am versatile, clean-shaven, brown hair, green eyes, 5'8", 160 lbs., very fit, HIV+. You: trim, attractive, sensual, ND/NS, with warm, open personality. Let's try it out and see what develops! Reply BT Box OC86B or call ★★1588.

Dating With Possible Monogamous Relationship

Handsome GJM, 33, 6'3", 180, HIV-, black/brown, mature, professional, likes in/outdoor activities, versatile top, NS, ND, seeking mature, financially stable, intelligent, fit man to date. Not for one-night stand. Let's take it slow. Reply BT Box OC87B or call ★★1589.

Cuddly Winter Nights

East Bay—good-looking, light Black male, 6'2", in-shape, 40+, very masculine, professional, humorous, honest, HIV-, seeks Black, Latin, Asian friend for movies, dinner, conversation and cuddling in a warm, safe home—wine & music. If you're a versatile person, we can really have a good time! Call ★★1590.

If You're A Short, Stacked Studly Guy...

Who'd like to take the reins of a smooth, slenderly muscled, tall 39-year-old, masculine bottom, here's your chance. I'm a nonsmoker, clean-cut, clean-living man who digs playing safe with that rare short dude who grooves on hot contrasts and can fearlessly take the top. Call ★★1591.

I Haven't Been There For The Longest Time

After living abroad for three years, GWM academic is finally back home and eager to explore an intimate sexual and spiritual connection with the right man. 39, 5'9", 175 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, masculine and cleanshaven, NS, light drinker. My friends describe me as possessing inner strength, gentleness, wisdom and a good sense of humor. I seek to meet a man between 30-45. Men with medium builds and dark hair are a plus. Interests include reading, NPR, music (Judy Collins is a favorite), movies, swimming, hiking, travel, and intimate moments with a handsome man like you, perhaps? Reply BT Box OC88B or call ★★1592.

Safe & Sexy

GMM interested in protected oral sex; mutual use of condoms. Me: handsome, well-built, blond, 43 years old. Seek playmate(s) for passion & pleasure. Let's be erotic. Pls call voice mail or if you choose send photo with written response. Reply BT Box OC89B or call ★★1593.

Irish American Seeks Irish American

For dating. I'm 37, blond, blue eyes, outgoing, fun. 29 waist, 5'9", 140, smooth, musc. body, HIV-. Love making out. Let's get togeiher and see what happens! Call ★★1594.

Serial Monogamy

Sure I'd love a LTR, but what I'm good at is intense, monogamous affairs. 40s, HIV-, in-shape, hairy, bearded, attractive GWM. Enjoy changeable roles in bed, activities from cuddle to kink, balanced by equality outside the bedroom. Get my attention by being in-shape, attractive, a mature thinker, HIV-, with facial hair and a sense of humor. Tricks are for kids. Let's eat the breakfast of champions. Call ★★1595.

Love Wanted

Buried within everyone's heart is the desire to hear someone say, "This moment will be the end of your loneliness." To hear this is to know that someone is willing to share the pains, the joys, and future with you. I'm looking for someone of any race who is willing to create a world of flowers, dinners, theater, intellectual and—most of all—love with me. I'm an extremely attractive, chubby, intelligent, Black law student who's looking for romance, not just a fuck! Give me a call. Reply BT Box OC90B or call ★★1596.

Handsome, Masculine, Well-Built

Men wanted by monogamous, equally desirable partner to arouse mutual passions. Especially, but not exclusively, you were born in 1957 or 1961 under the signs of Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn. I am a fun-loving, healthy, HIV+, intelligent, romantic, sensuous, Scorpio dude originally from SE U.S. Into the gym, sports, outdoors, movies, music, dancing, sex (versatile) and more. 6', 180, bld/grn, hairy and hung. Reply BT Box OC91B or call ★★1597.

Everybody Needs Somebody And I'm No Exception

BM top, 45, wants to meet WM bottom, over 45 yrs. old, for hot sex, fun times out of bed and poss. LTR. No beards. Lt smoke and drink OK; chubbies are also welcomed. U B clean, honest, single and live in SF. I am employed, clean, honest and into communication. If you are only looking for one-nighter, don't call. Call ★★1598.

Oakland Mutual Dirty Talk—Jack-Off Fantasy

You've just lost your job; I broke up with my girlfriend. It's late, the bar calls last round. We decide to leave and party together. We dig the male bonding, wanting to elevate one step further, yet not ready for gay fuck/suck sex. How 'bout getting naked, appreciating each other's manhood, letting drinks make dirty talk and jack-off flow like wine? Call ★★1599.

Olive Seeks Coconut For Friendship... Lover

24, handsome, Mediterranean, 5'10", 140 lbs., black/hazel, clean hombre desires 21-32, dark/exotic, NS, fit, clean, boyman dish for sharing life. Additionally, I'm honest, passionate, progressive, intuitive, physical, spiritual, sensual and ripe. Want more? There's much. PO Box 427031, SF 94142 or call ★★1600.

Houseboy

Gourmet cook, educated, very refined, neat, cheerful loves housekeeping. I'm the perfect companion for that busy, well-groomed professional gentleman that doesn't have time for everything. Will you join me for a glass of wine? Call ★★1601.

Do You Get Nervous

When you get into bed with someone you've just met? Can't relax because your brain is running on overtime? Maybe we just need a little practice in a comfortable environment. Very handsome, 5'9", blond, 28, with nice body and dick seeks other similarly qualified guys, 25-35, for J/O sessions and other casual fun. Dark hair and big balls a plus. Your photo (a must) treated with discretion. 915 Cole, Box 321, SF 94117.

"Give Me Sodomy Or Give Me Death!"

Rabid queer male (24, 6'1", 160, reddish-blond/green) seeks a date for Mass (i.e., Diamanda Galas' "Plague Mass" on Saturday, 11/6). I have two tickets—you have the inclination and financial means to pay for dinner. Please respond if you are (a) a gay man (preferably under 35), (b) genuinely interested in the show, (c) capable of maintaining an interesting conversation and (d) not a pig. More about me: cute, friendly and smart; "likes" include music, coloring books, working out, Keith Haring, French kissing, and oral sex; "dislikes" include "straight-acting" fags, arrogance and stupidity. Bonus points for you (which could result in future dates) include: sense of humor, stable employment, Peninsula address, hairy chest. Reply BT Box OC92B or call ★★1602.

Zestful In Body & Spirit

Sincere, friendly, professional and looking to exchange massages and possibly friendship. This 5'10", 165# GWM would like to bike & hike enjoying the outdoors; share a meal, trade massage, play cards enjoying the indoors; likes to dance but still needs lessons in CW. You: 35+, sincere, active in body & spirit, race unimportant, slim to med. ND, NS. Exchange, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call ★★1685.

Mature Seeks Youthful

Seeking a positive-thinking, affectionate, very (!) youthful-looking guy, for friendship. Men of color welcome. You are not doing drugs, are a nonsmoker, HIV- and enjoy sex. Your personality is more important to me than your body and your looks. I'm a caring WM, a professional writer and therapist. I am muscular, trim, short and compact, 62, HIV-. PO Box 31341, SF 94131 or call ★★1604.

Rio And San Francisco

Brazilian GM, 35, 6', 208, attractive, masculine, accent, 'stache, educated, professional, romantic, HIV-; into other cultures, good conversation, movies, trips to the countryside, travel; seeking similar GM. Hairy, 35-45 a plus. Call ★★1605.

Filipino/Asian/Other (San Jose-Bay Area)

Sought by Italian male for friendship, romance, travel companion. Travel to Marbella, Spain (Costa Del Sol) Feb. 21-March 7, accommodations gratis; Hawaii, May 1994. Please be genuinely serious, open-minded, good heart, honest, loving. Discretion assured. Reply BT Box OC93B or call ★★1606.

Romantic Top

Usually. Tender-hearted, loving, young-looking GWM, 39, 6', 164, close beard, nonsmoker/drinker, lt brown hair, clean-cut, blue eyes, lanky build wants to meet a monogamous sweetheart of a guy, 28-49, who is health-conscious, HIV-, a good mind, playful and irreverent sense of humor and has a very big heart. I enjoy being at home together, sharing ideas and feelings, and while I go to a gym 3x a week, I'm far more inclined toward reading, movies, plays, gardening and city interests than athletic outdoor pursuits. I take my time making love. I talk afterwards. I am a natural giver, a good listener and someone you can trust your heart with. Southern Marin a plus; or a car. A photo will get mine. Reply BT Box OC94B or call ★★1607.

Handsome, Athletic Man

GWM, 38 y.o., 5'11", 185, black hair, green eyes, moustache, HIV-, handsome, masculine, muscular build, athletic and well-educated professional with a very successful career. Looking for similar qualities in other good-hearted men between the ages of 28-42. Enjoy dining out, working out, sports (49ers), music and good conversation and communication. Take a chance on this Southern man. Reply BT Box OC95B or call ★★1608.

Half A Century Of Life!

Seek younger men who are into guys like myself. You are HIV+, athletic build and tall. Me: 5'9" tall, slender build, 130 lbs., dirty blond, brown hair, hazel eyes. Call, we will share more. Call ★★1609.

North Bay Younger

GM needed by GWM, 60. You be under 45, any race. Short, dark, hairy guys are pluses. Me: 5'10½", 185, silver/bald, moustache, medium hairy chest, small end. Movies, TV, music, travel, gym occupy my free time. Affair preferred. Does not have to be LTR. Available some days. Call ★★1610 or write with photo to BT Box OC96B.

Intimacy

Spiritual, emotional and physical intimacy shared with a special man is my life's goal. Early retirement provides the gift of time to pursue it. Seeking a decent, loving guy who can share the dream. I'm a nonsmoker/drinker/drugger, HIV-, attractive, with cosmopolitan experience and tastes, but love beauty, nature, and life's simple pleasures. Will you share this path with heart? Call ★★1611.

No Hassle

Oral fun & light bondage at your place. Am white, HIV-, 38, good body. Seeking masculine Black man or Asian bodybuilder for occasional encounters. No screwing. Safe, no hassle, fun. Thanks. Call ★★1612.

Fearless

Life is a movie. Let's create our special feature together as co-directors. I'm 44, GWM, HIV-, 5'10", 180, blond/green, handsome gentleman. On a spiritual path and discovering new beauty daily. Professional marketing manager, world traveler, gardener, home in Buena Vista area. Prefer similar man in appearance and age. "Be fearless, choose love." Also interested in hiking, swimming, new age & classical music. Your photo and a note work wonders. I'm worth it & so are you! Call ★★1613.

Single Black 30 Yr. Old Professional

Seeks people of quality. I take all relationships (friends/lovers, etc.) seriously. I love movies, country/western music (dancing), cooking & stimulating conversation. I'm new to the Bay Area, so show me your city. If you've ever wondered where all the good men are... well, here I am. Reply BT Box OC97B or call ★★1614.

Are You A Leader?

I mean, really a leader; dominant in and out of bed; muscles too? Me: 41, 5'10", 170, HIV-, definite bottom, definite follower, not feminine in any way; muscular, masculine, like my man more masculine and more protective. You: 21-40. Call ★★1615.

My Gift To You...

A genuine friend. Asian guy, easygoing, 28 y.o., 5'7", 140#, in good shape and good-looking. Seeks GWM, under 34 y.o., fit, for relationship. Unconditional love is what I have to offer if the chemistry is right. This attractive, quality, available and honest person is now on the Meat Market and won't be around forever. Please write descriptive letter; include photo of yourself. Mr. Right isn't always at your front door. Reply BT Box OC98B or call ★★1616.

To Date

A simple, old-fashioned notion that allows for so many possibilities. I am a GAM, 5'11", 165 lbs., 28-year-old Bay Area native. You, like me, should be attractive, muscular, intelligent, college educated, NS, HIV-, and between 23 and 35. Your photo guarantees a reply. Reply BT Box OC99B or call ★★1617.

"date" (noun)

(1) an appointment for a specified time; especially: a social engagement between two persons; (2) a person with whom one has a social engagement; (3) an oblong edible fruit.... I dunno, from my experience the word "date" has a complexity to which dictionary definitions cannot aspire. And I like to date. I like getting to know someone in a relaxed, fun kind of way. I like sharing experiences and interests, feelings and opinions, books and recipes, achievements and problems, family and friends. I like spending time outdoors away from urban sophistication and also being involved in the excitement of diverse cultural activities. I like people who are emotionally available and who also know their own boundaries. I like men who are good-looking (any race), sexy, healthy, fit, socially aware, can share in meaningful conversations (and silences). I like getting to know guys who are old enough to have learned the definitions of patience and peace of mind, and young enough to be constantly searching for that which is spontaneous and creative. And I like a clean way of living without tobacco smoke, escapes into alcohol, or chemically induced experiences. I like letters and photos (but call if you like). What do you like? Let me know, narrow definitions are probably inappropriate. (Some of my definitions—38, 5'10", 150#, Asian). Reply BT Box OC100B or call ★★1618.

Massage For Bodybuilders

Free, erotic, deep tissue, full body massage to HIV-, very muscular, very serious bodybuilders. I am 30 years old, 5'9", 155 lbs., HIV-, tan complexion, attractive Mediterranean. I am a swimmer, lift weights, have a well-toned swimmer's build. If you want an excellent body rub after a long hard work-out at the gym to relax your sore, fully pumped up muscles, call me. Reply BT Box OC101B or call ★★1619.

Let's See What Happens

Discreet, affectionate, easygoing, sincere, professional GWM, brown/green, 6', 180#, 'stache, 40s, NS/ND, top seeks slim, smooth-lightly hairy, affectionate, 18-35 or so GWM/GAM/GLM professional/student bottom under 5'10", Peninsula or South Bay, for enjoying dancing, movies, theater, skiing, drives in the mountains, cuddling and more. Potential LTR. Returnable photo please. Inexperienced OK. Reply BT Box OC102B or call ★★1620.

Wai-Tung... Where R U?

Did you see *The Wedding Banquet*? Then you get the idea. This 25-yr-old GWM seeks a GAM. I'm mature, quiet, straight-acting and don't do the "bar thing." I'm an intelligent, romantic guy who loves walks on the beach and watching the sunset. I'm fascinated with Chinese culture... maybe you could teach me something? I prefer to meet an intelligent, educated, mature man, age 25-35. Arrogant Mr. American types—don't bother! Call ★★1621.

Available For Magic

55 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 150 lbs., trimmed gray beard, thinning hair, distinguished looking professional, emotionally available, capable of loving and being responsible; HIV-. Lover of 8 yrs. died 1½ yrs. ago. Love walking, music, theater, travel, hanging out, caring, giving, talking, puns, humor, ideas. Seeking intelligent, articulate, responsive, attractive, sincere man, 40s to mid-50s. I want to love deeply and openly again. NS. Reply BT Box OC103B or call ★★1622.

Don't Have To Be Top

Don't like it that much on the bottom; I'd rather go sideways. I'm not into role-playing, stereotypes or manipulations. What I'm looking for are honest, mature friendships hopefully leading to LTR. I'm 42, 6', 175#, HIV-, NS, cleanshaven, and I like hiking, cooking, travel, history, romantic dinners, and heavy discussions about the state of the world and the meaning of life. You are 35-45 (or thereabouts), and have a similar wide range of interests (not necessarily the same ones), and you're looking for someone to share that first cup of coffee with in the morning. Call ★★1623.

Two Hearts Are Better Than One

Are you romantic to a fault? Do you like Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, Debussy, Ravel? Me: 41, 5'10", 178, muscular—World's Gym, good-looking, HIV-, more bottom than top, more a thinker than a doer. Could you be there? A gym-toned, 18-35; will we meet? Call ★★1624.

One Lonely Heart

Tired of being apart seeks the company of a mature man, 40 to 50 yrs. old. You're intelligent, honest, expressive, sexual (versatile), gentle, husky, bearish, hairy, cut, facial hair, nonsmoker, no drugs, HIV- and ready for good times. Some interests you might have include: old movies, good food, board games, bowling, theater, plants, walking, reading and much more. I'm 30 yrs. old, mature, honest, intelligent, good-hearted, funny, giving, tall, hairy, facial hair, cut, nonsmoker, no drugs, and HIV-. If you'd like to start a fire call or write right now! Reply BT Box OC104B or call ★★1625.

Passionate Body And Soul; Moderate And Realistic

Usually attracted to Asian/Latin but open to all—similar outlook more important. I'm casual private homebody, passionate body and soul: music, Van Gogh, Twilight Zone, Kafka, Kierkegaard, independent Christian/A Higher Power, Moderate Pride, no heavy alcohol/drug dependency, Chaplin, Schulz, video (classics, sci fi, light adult, etc.).... You: ?? P.S.: Exterior, I'm WM, 32, 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, "good-looking." Seeking more serious Partner or friends—interesting letter/optional photo to: J.S., PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041 or call ★★1626.

Sensual, Creative, Spiritual

Often complex, usually balanced, always imperfect. Am compassionate, sensitive, over-educated, mystical, progressive. At times playful, intense, dry-witted, mildly neurotic. Value eclectic spirituality, consciousness transformation (perennial philosophy to scientific cosmology). Love music (especially classical, ethnic, sacred, new age). Enjoy passionate sex, mutual pleasuring, mild experimentation. Appreciate nature (day hikes, nude beaches), culture (bookstores, concerts, NPR), some vices (considerate smoker, rare drink/toke). Not into mass mind (most movies, TV, gyms, bars). Am musician/teacher/masseur, in mid-life (perpetual?) evolution. Simple, non-consumerist lifestyle. Like being queer. Ready, willing, able for committed relationship—a co-conspiracy of love, ecstasy, and creativeness. Attractive Nordic GWM, 40, 6'1", 165, blond, moustache, glasses, HIV-. Seeking gentle-hearted men (30s-40s) for quality friendship or romance or sex. Write PO Box 14295, SF 94114 or call ★★1627.

Sex/Sleep Partner Sought

Me: PWA, 43, 130 lbs., mod. hairy, 'stache, brn hair/eyes, GrA only with FrA/P. You: GrP only with FrA/P; attractive to me & vice versa. Take a chance & call. Call ★★1628.

Black Male Wanted

By attractive GWM, 5'8", blond. Interests include theater, romantic evenings. We are both physically fit and HIV-. Looking for LTR but dating is also an option. You: top. Me: bottom. Masculine and under 35 yrs. old please. Call ★★1629.

Cybernetic Fusion

Clean-cut, muscular bodied terminator prototype, GWM seeks compatible GWM, 20-33, with slim to athletic build, smooth chest, cleanshaven and very boy-like looks and physique. I'm 6'1", cute, brown/blue, 44 (look 34), healthy HIV+, nature enthusiast, enjoy skiing, hiking, motorcycling and possess strong romantic, sensitivity and companionship qualities. We like to cuddle, play, make love, share emotions, laugh, cry, touch, kiss... Machines aren't perfect, but the human spirit is. Reply BT Box OC105B or call ★★1630.

Too Good To Be Single

Very attractive professional GWM, 31 years old, 6', brown/blond, green eyes, athletic, 185 lbs., HIV-. Interests: running, mountain biking, weights, aerobics, hiking, waterskiing, sailing, camping, B&Bs, and exploring new things. Love going to Josie's, movies, plays, dinner. Plus romantic dinners at home, making out in front of the fireplace, and reading the Sunday paper in bed. I'm seeking a monogamous LTR with a 28-40, intelligent, professional, athletic, humorous, emotionally stable, communicative, intimate, spiritual, financially secure, out, gay man. NS, ND. Send photo (returnable) and letter to BT Box OC106B.

Someday My Prince Will Come

... but then, with my luck, he'll jump in the shower and leave. I want something more long-lasting. This nicely built, 27 y.o., HIV-, 5'6", 150#, brn/blue, clean-cut, boy-next-door GWM seeks clean-cut, HIV-, GWM/GLM, 25-35, height/weight proportioned, who likes being at home; is mentally challenging; and who can appreciate my caustic, politically incorrect sense of humor. I like lots of things, but not alcohol, drugs, or incessant gum chewing. Get to know me, I could be fun. Call ★★1631.

Cute Hairy Guy

Who is 35, slim, not tall (5'8"), seeks buddy same age or younger for fun times. You are cute, smart, slender, with body hair and right attitude for creative sexual escapades. Sense of humor essential, East Bay preferred but not required, oral skills appreciated, hairy chest a plus, other short guys welcome. Call ★★1632.

GAM + GWM = ?

Very good-looking, sincere GAM, 29, 5'8", 140#, HIV-, NS, ND, with good body, good heart and good sense of humor. Seeks LTR with someone who's willing to give his heart to me. I'll do the same. Let's work together to solve the above equation, if you are a hopelessly masculine GWM, tall (over 6'), handsome, fit, HIV-, under 40, upbeat, able to love/loved and really know how to kiss! Call ★★1633.

Don't Call Me Cute

Looky here, son—this 5'4", 24 y.o., Irish-Mexican queer is looking for a boy (of color?) whose mind is deeper than his anus. Good looks are dee-lish, but you've gotta have it together upstairs. Likes: artsy egghead shit, great outdoors, cosmo life, wine-n-dine, revealing conversations, cynical humor, tongue baths, spankings, wild cards. Give it your best shot. What is a "boyfriend" anyway? Call ★★1634.

Chiamame Oggi

Latino Italiano, 27 (look older), 5'11", 165, blk, brn, HIV-, ND, NS, non-drinker, rugged, handsome, masculine, muscular, primarily top, well-traveled, educated, professional, NPR. Goal: fun dates, friendship, long-term companion. You: masc., musc., HIV-, ND, NS, non-drinker (pref.), well-traveled, educated, professional with favorable view of law enforcement, NPR. Bilingual: Spanish or Italian a plus. Reply BT Box OC107B or call ★★1635.

Boy-Next-Door

GWM, 25, 5'9", 147, br/br, attractive. Likes quiet times, romantic dinners, cuddling by the fire, and long walks on the beach with someone I love. Photo (please), PO Box 60931, Palo Alto 94306-0931 or call ★★1636.

Are You Out There?

Mid-century, distinguished-looking Ph.D., HIV-, monogamous, seeking dialogue and discreet games with mature individual of culture, intelligence and wit. HIV- please. Reply Box 52, 350 - 7th Ave., SF 94118 or call ★★1637.

I Don't Care If You Drive A Lexus

I do care that you are very intelligent, well-educated, handsome, masculine, well-built, unpretentious, motivated, aware, relatively sophisticated, sexy, kind, and have been around enough to know what you want. I'm very intelligent, well-educated, very handsome, masculine, and have a great body. I'm looking for an equal—someone who can excite me physically, intellectually and emotionally. Stats: 35, 5'6", 145, br/blue, French/Italian, HIV-. Personality traits: quick dry wit, kind, unpretentious, even-tempered, honest, motivated, shy, sometimes stubborn, not afraid of commitment or showing affection. Demographics: professional. Brooks Brothers/Gap, downtown type. I occa-



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San Jose **JUST WANNA HAVE FUN:** 20, spanish, mature for my age, seeks mature tp, wm, for some fun. ☎4707

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Reno **ASPIRING X-DRESSER:** Bi-wm , who can be v. masc. would like to hear from reno men for teaching, tell me your fantasy. ☎6060

209 Area Code **TOP THIS:** 6', dark brw hair, btm, smooth seeks musclr, tp 28-39 for frequent get togethers. ☎4845

Modesto **CHINESE CONNECTION:** 5'9, 24, chinese guy, ready to have some fun, call me! anytime! ☎4402

SF **ANY RACE OK:** 25, bm who's positive is looking for any race or couples 18-25 for fun times. ☎2904

SF **VERY PASSABLE TS:** 5'7, european, black & puerto rican,pre-op TS seeks sensitive, compassionate, companion. ☎3121

Berkeley **HORSEPLAY:** 6' tall, 200lbs, brw hair/eyes, interested in having fun times with local guys —call & collect your reward. ☎7730

SF **BEST FRIENDS:** gwm, positive, 27, seeking other positive men 23-30, I enjoy movies, walking, cooking, seeking someone for friendship/rel. ☎6358

San Mateo **GRAB ME BEFORE I'M GONE:** 19 y/o with pager wants to hear from you. Surprise me! ☎6420

SF **MAKE MY DAY:** 26 y/o, bttm, birthday coming up, looking for man to make my day ☎2937

SF **GAME FREE:** 22 y/o, brw hair/brw eyes, 5'7, seeks guy up to 30 y/o, who's tall, musclr, handsome man, (no games pls) ☎1101

SF **THIS IS A GOOD ONE:** 25 y/o, 5'8, 135lbs, clean shaven, btm, would love to hear from you. Just do it. ☎6855

San Jose, **SET SAIL:** 27, 5'8, brw hair, clean shaven, green eyes, enjoy hiking, camping, going beach, sailing my boat, quiet evenings, seeking stable guy under 30. ☎6510

Sacramento, **6'2, 25,** really enjoy outdoors, lookin to settle down, really love muscles & hairy guys. ☎1066

Sacramento, **X-COLLEGE LINEBACKER:** 6'3, 220lbs, black, former college linebacker, looking for heavy set spanish or pacific /male. ☎1580

San Jose, **HUMOROUS, PROF.** 32 y/o, 6'2, 175lbs, dark hair/brw eyes, open, looking for someone to have fun, will also entertain idea of rel., let' set something up. ☎6519

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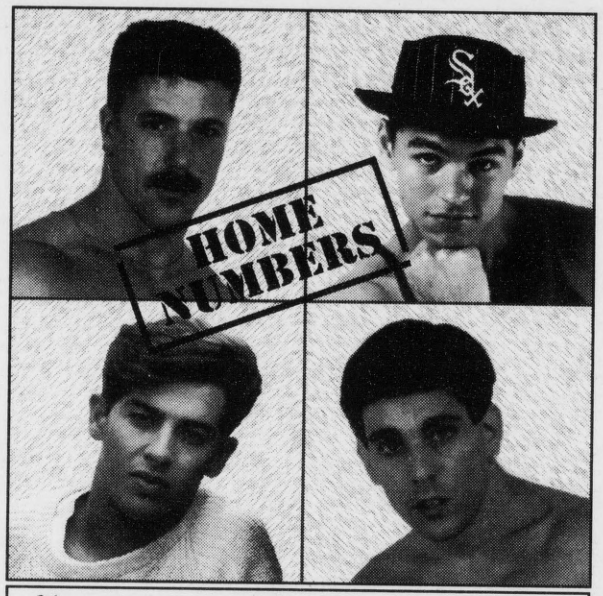
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SF, **YNG:** 5'8, v. athletic, tp, seeks blond, down to earth, guy 20-25 ☎3049

SF, **N2 TENDERNESS:** Tall, slender, 42, WM, interested in slender to med. build, subm. or easy going, asian or latin. ☎3135

SF, **WM,** 34, 5'11, 175lbs, blond/green eyes, smooth, seeks tp man, call anytime. ☎4185

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SF, **UNUSUAL DESIRES:** 22, cute, bttm, looking for party guys under 35, who would like to take a walk on the wild side with me. ☎7492

SF, **YOUR REWARD:** 26 GWM, 5'8, 170lbs, blond/blue, enjoy going for rides, being outdoors, or call for my address & write me. Don't miss out. ☎3801

San Leandro, **TENNIS ANYONE? ACTIVE LATIN 22 YR OLD:** 5'11, 160lbs, romantic, very active, professional, good body, seeking 18-30 y/o. If this peaks your interest or if you're in any way intrigued, give a call! ☎4584

SF, **WHERE'S DADDY?** long brw hair, bearded, 175lbs, 5'9, 34, looking for daddy types into good times, I'm also into outdoors. ☎5516

Oakland, **PROF. HAIRSTYLIST & DESIGNER:** 6'2, 225lbs, brown skin, looking for new friend to socialize, hang out, go to movies, lake walks. ☎7054

SF, **FIT AS A FIDDLE:** masc., 29, into fitness, seeking other masc. men 18-40, blond A+ for sweaty times. ☎7233

SF, **JUST YOU & ME:** dark featured & eqpd 5'7, gwm, is interested in physical rel. w/local guy. — call, you won't be disappointed. ☎7257

West Berkeley, **HASSLE FREE:** 41 y/o, bm, heavy set, 6', 250lbs, dark brw complexion, brw eyes, stached, attracted to ynger white guys who like to explore. ☎5721

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SF **DATING FIRST:** looking to connect 38, prof. musician, 5'10, 145lbs, wear glasses, lots more to share with you after dating. ☎4270

SF **POLITICALLY ACTIVE BM,** 5'11, 190lbs, stocky build, goatee, enjoy singing, politically active, should be 5'11 or taller, ☎4627

SF **SKIN HEADED:** 28, latino, into durby jackets, looking to be dom. guy. ☎6480

SF **LATIN LOVER:** 27, 5'10, 165lbs, brw hair/black eyes, latino, looking for vers. men, leave description. ☎6545

SF **VERY BIG GWM,** 31, 6'3, 285lbs, likes dinners, quiet times, sincere honest types, (asians encouraged) ☎6673

SF **WHAT CAN I DO FOR DADDY?** 28 yr old Boy, 6'2, looking for dom. daddy type for fun & other less publishable activities. ☎6905

San Luis Obisbo **LET'S PLAY:** 5'10, 185lbs, looking for man who like to play ,45 w/nice built who wants to get together. ☎7025

SF **SORTA PICKY:** looking for mature, educated, secure, guy who's not too pumped up to date. Call & get to know me. ☎7104

SF **PASSIONATE COUPLE SOUGHT:** Vers. 35 yr old, WM, 6'1, 210lbs, long brw hair/eyes, into photography & passion, please leave a msg. (discretion encouraged). ☎7200

SF **DAYTIME ADVENTURE:** 34, 5'9, 140lbs, tp, looking for fantasy, back rub, seeks 18-30 to fill daytime void. ☎1951

SF **SMOOTH & SLIM:** 27, 5'11, 160lbs, brw hair/eyes, seeks tp guy for fun times, dates. ☎6357

San Jose **EDUCATED LATINO** 35, 135lbs, brw hair & eyes, into outdoors, hiking, camping, seeks educated men in South bay. ☎5675

San Jose **V. ATHLETIC** Latino, 37, 160lbs, brw hair & eyes, enjoy reading, dancing, swimming, searching for rel. w/ poss. romance later on. (educated & sports fan A+) ☎6525

San Jose **ASIAN FIND:** 22, 6'1, 185lbs, Asian, would like to meet yng guys 18-20, If nothing else we could get to know each other for future reference. ☎3946

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South Lake Tahoe **TAHOE: MARRIED BI-GUY** 6'4, 160lbs, 38, (wife loves to watch) I prefer hairy & slender, we both love to party & can play host. ☎6306

Castro Valley **ALWAYS GOOD:** 44, tp, looking for ht bttm for good times, let's have a night to remember. ☎6314

Redwood City **2 HUNKY ALL-AMER. GUYS:** Clean Cut, stached, looking for husky, hunky leath. tp, (25-35), call for our number. ☎6395

SF **DAYTIME ADVENTURES:** 26 yr old, blond, african male, looking for fun in the daytime. ☎2848

Oakland **GYM TONED SUB. ASIAN:** Handsome, interested in receiving great back rubs, & learning new ropes. ☎3980

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Hm
It's raining. My shoes are wet. My umbrella, closed up, stands in a pool of water on the cafe floor. You throw your long coat over the table and my newspaper, and you sit down, pushing the hair out of your eyes. "Are you hungry?" We were going to walk somewhere. I made big sandwiches. "It's going to rain all day, I bet." PO Box 12002, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★1640.

I'm Looking For A Man
Who enjoys the simple pleasures—biting into a ripe peach, walking on the beach in winter, snuggling under the covers on a lazy morning, smelling fresh coffee brewing, watching an old film. I'm 28, 6', 180 lbs. If you're 25-35 and interested in sharing the simple pleasures, call me. Call ★★1641.

How 'Bout A Date?
GWM, 30s, handsome, great shape, HIV-, successful prof., healthy, NS. Am masc., warm, very passionate. Like conversation, workouts, hiking, rafting, skiing, camping, beaches, mountains, desserts, travel, city walks, trains, opera, films, books, art, architecture, classical music, almost anything new and exciting. You are similar, not same. I'm 6', 165 lbs., br, bl, trim beard. No barflies or bimbos. Anyone? Please call ★★1642.

Hot Bottom Seeks Kink
Visiting Midwestern GWM—butch bottom, 33, 6'1", 185#, nice build & good-looking seeks control by dominant top(s). Eager for wide ass stretch via huge toy(s), hands, med. instruments. Ready to serve under rim seat & be used as public toilet. All raunch, animal & kink scenes encouraged. Groups welcome. Use me as object of pleasure &/or amusement. (Hot bottom, FF, toys, animals, raunch, B/D, TT, S/M, WS & ?). Visiting SF, November 4-8. Leave voicemail message; you won't be disappointed! Call ★★1643.

Asian Friend
Handsome GWM, 39, 5'10", 165, muscular and clean-cut, wants to meet masculine GAM. Prefer nonsmoker, not into bar scene. Call ★★1644.

My Favorite? Sunday Mornings
GWM, 31, 6'1", 180, brn/brn, HIV-, looking for a nice guy who's tired of waiting for Mr. Right to find him. I enjoy neighborhood cafes, travel, movies, theater. I'm stable, honest, emotionally available, someone who loves a night on the town as much as lounging in bed on a Sunday morning. Attracted to a variety of types. You: 25-35, relationship-oriented, HIV-, nonsmoker. Call ★★1645.

42 & Wishing/Hoping
To meet a humorous, romantic guy who's serious about a monogamous LTR. I'm a registered nurse, well-educated academic type, low key GLM. I am not super macho, but neither am I super effeminate. I am a quiet, gentle, sometimes hopelessly romantic Latino man who enjoys movies, ballet, music and romantic suppers. I'm 5'5", 170#, hairy, husky build, moustache, dark brown eyes and hair (balding). You are a gay LM/WM/AM/BM, professional/academic type, mature, sincere, emotionally available, comfortable with being gay and employed, 38-48, husky build and health-conscious. We're both HIV-, don't smoke or do drugs. Please no attitude or major hang-ups. Reply BT Box OC109B or call ★★1646.

Socratic Hardon?
Consider this if you are young, long-haired, miscreant, malcontent and the like. Let me ground you with ageless sexual know-how and counsel. I am world traveler (often at village level), artist/writer. A virile veggie, voraciously oral, 49 y.o., br/bl, 175 lbs., goatee. Please be 18-25, NS, ND, political leanings and love of the unknown are a plus. Call ★★1647.

Male Looking For Male
I'm looking for a friend. Someone to talk to, to play with, to share secrets. Into hiking, volleyball and the gym. Sunday paper and coffee; long dinners, sipping wine into the wee hours. Fun-loving and thoughtful. I'm looking for long-term relationships. I'm 30 yrs. old, brn hair, blue eyes, goal-oriented and energetic. You: 25-35, European or Latin preferred. Call ★★1648.

Asian Seeks Man
Asian seeking GWM or Latino in the Bay Area. I am 28, 5'8", 145 lbs., HIV-, attractive, mature and stable. You are under 50, bigger than me, with moustache/goatee, masculine, nice build, prefer top, athletic, outgoing, romantic, stable, NS. Don't be alone at home, let me cuddle up with you watching a movie together or doing something intimate. I know how to make a man feel good. Reply BT Box OC110B or call ★★1649.

Best Friend/Lifemate
Someone with the time, energy and commitment it takes for a successful union. Please no personal ad gameplayers. I'm very attractive, Italian, very young 60, 5'8", 155#, brown/bald, short beard/moustache, HIV-. Enjoy home, music, conversation, reading, boardgames, quiet times. You're mature, in-shape, nonsmoker. We're clean, honest, considerate, dependable, nice guys. All answered. Travel is no problem. Photo appreciated/returned. PO Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043 or call ★★1650.

Looking For Mr. Right, Not Mr. Right Away
I'm a big, hairy, bearded GWM, HIV-, brown/hazel, 6'4", 230 lbs. A nice-looking man with a great smile, big heart and talented hands for massaging you! Seeking to meet a GWM, 20s to 40s, as best friend/boyfriend/friend-for-life? I enjoy the City and Bay Area, and have a great career in computer/graphics field. I'm a good listener, avid cuddler, and I'm willing to work for a sincerely intimate, communicative relationship. I'm most attracted to well-built guys with facial hair and/or redheads, but I will reply to all. Personality and physical attraction are both important. Send a photo if you have one, I'll return it. Boxholder, PO Box 640893, SF 94164.

Purely Honest And Upfront...
When it comes to desire. Looking for xtra hung sex buddy for fun, maybe more if possibilities are there. I'm 33, 5'8", slim build, black hair, hazel eyes, Irish-Italian, cleanshaven, versatile and well-hung. If you're interested, between 25-38, no facial hair, goatee the exception. A plus for those with long hair, 8+, versatility and passion. Call ★★1651.

Foreign Affairs
Good-looking South Asian male, 30, is looking for a handsome, in-shape male, under 35, any race, for friendship/relationship. Like me, you are intelligent, fun yet introspective. Please reply with photo (returned) to PO Box 152, Lafayette 94549 or call ★★1652.

Male Bonding With Mr. Right
Athletic, muscular, 36 y.o. GWM hungers for intimacy, adventure and fun with a younger, similarly inclined man. Educated, humorous, and professionally-oriented, we both recognize the benefits of a relationship that includes sharing, mutual respect, affection and real caring. But, let's be carefree, even silly, and just a little crazy, too. Safety first! First date: the gym. Call ★★1653.

Your Cock Is King
Do you enjoy long sessions of having your cock rubbed, kissed, licked and sucked? Would you feel good having a warm wet tongue bathe your balls & then held in a warm mouth while you stroke it? Let's explore—humiliation? boy? No reciprocation wanted. We'll focus on making your cock feel good. You: well-built, hot to explore your needs. Me: handsome, Latin, 32, eager. Reply BT Box OC111B or call ★★1654.

Hey, Good-Lookin'!
Fun, hip, Asian dude looking for man-boy! I'm 27, handsome, a Taurus (if it matters), with boyish looks (cleanshaven) and attitude (carefree but responsible), a tasty build (5'7", 135 lbs., 30" waist, relatively smooth), an upbeat, positive outlook (everything's coming up roses and daffodils), and a sexually adventurous bent (from vanilla to kink, talk me into it). Interests range from the cerebral to carnal: reading (book freak), collecting (thrift stores and kitsch), travel (bags always packed), cooking (love to feed friends), the arts scene (creative stuff), politics (personal, queer, national, etc.), fitness (mind and body), making out (sex), and much, much more. You are genuine and honest, but above all comfortable being yourself; age 35ish or younger. Open to all possibilities if the chemistry is right—so let's meet, damn it! Reply BT Box OC112B or call ★★1655.

GAM Looking For Same
Attractive and bright Filipino, mid-20s, seeks good-looking, intelligent, sincere GAM, 21-35, for monogamous LTR. I enjoy music, movies, dining out, and good conversation among other things. I also like kissing, snuggling and cuddling. I take great pleasure in intimate, romantic moments by sunset or candlelight. Please call or write. Reply BT Box OC113B or call ★★1656.

Weekend Lover-Man-Boy Sex Toy
Handsome, gym-toned, athletic GWM, 5'11", 185, 46, HIV+ (ten years and counting), dark hair, hazel eyes, 'stache, bright and intense, versatile bottom, seeking partner near my size and age, physically fit, reasonably good-looking, for weekends of play, sex, running, hanging out, mountain biking, movies, dancing, camping, skiing, bungee jumping, Sunday mornings, more sex, etc. There's a lot to do with the right person. Call ★★1657.

Dedicated Partner, Reliable Friend
Seeks kindred spirit with LTR experience. We value: mutual respect, spiritual intimacy, balance, disciplined thought, integrity, healthy lifestyles, self-awareness, altruism, home, nature, intuition, classical music(-making), shared journeys, emotional availability, roads less traveled, deep feelings, inner exploration/growth, tolerance, animals, higher Self, singing, growing old together, inner child, uniqueness, new approaches, Midwest ethics, walks, teachers, sensitivity, unconditional love. Emotionally/financially secure GWM, 5'7", 123#, alive 45. Call ★★1658.

East Bay Friends
Sought by smart GM hiker/bicyclist with no (well, maybe a little) attitude. I'm 45, creative, funny, slender, prefer slim younger guys who have a settled life and career. Love travel, movies, progressive politics, bookstores, music of many kinds. Please: no spiritualism, piercings, recoverers, New Agers, trendsetters or gym-bunnies. Call ★★1659.

East Bay Seeks Partner
Handsome (a bit on the preppy side), intelligent, dynamic, life charged, warmhearted, early-40s, professional white male, 6 ft., 175, blue eyes, brn hair, HIV-, seeks similar, "guy-next-door" type for friendship/relationship. Looking for a partner who is versatile; outdoors, good conversation, CW dance, music, movies, etc. Be healthy, honest, life loving, responsible, affectionate and not afraid of intimacy. If you fit the stats above, please reply BT Box OC114B or call ★★1660.

Sacramento Hunk Offers Real Love!
34, 6'1", 165 lbs., strawberry blond/blue, fair. Truly handsome, muscular, proportionate, very fit, versatile, masculine, clean-cut, wholesome, responsible, affectionate, professionally established. Seek quality friendship leading to serious, monogamous LTR with handsome, desirable, clean-cut, non-scene, 5'10"+, trim, fit, masculine, darker haired, Caucasian, 25-39, into fitness, home, outdoors, unconditional love, simple happiness. Able to frequently travel to, and permanently relocate to East Bay or Marin for right man. Call ★★1661.

Music Lovers
Anybody else out there who craves live classical, chamber, ethnic, blues/jazz concerts and is tired of going alone? This is a buddy/relationship ad, too, so it would help if you were 30-45, very slim, well-educated, professional, successful, humorous, and highly musical. I'm 36 and have all the preceding qualities. If you have a hairy chest, you'll be first in line! Call ★★1662.

Looking For An Equal
Anyone out there who is not looking for a daddy or a son or some sexual fantasy or fetish? I'm tall, very trim, 43, HIV-, and am attractive. Cleanshaven, wear glasses. Love architecture, city walks, movies (both kitsch and "quality"), weekend treks, political discussions (can't decide about NAFTA). Don't smoke or drink; am fairly traditional but value quirkiness too. Am requesting mutual photo and letter exchange, because my previous experience with just voicemail resulted in lots of wasted time over coffee at Just Desserts with guys who didn't interest me (or, perish the thought, vice versa). Reply BT Box OC115B.

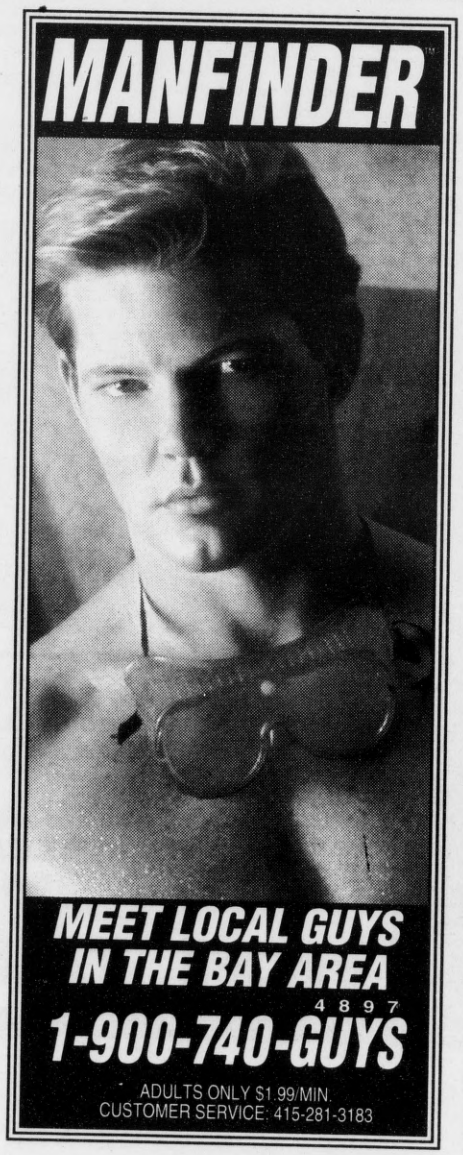
Let's Get Naked
Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 34 y.o., 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, grn eyes, clean-cut, hairy, trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/ photo (returned) to Boxholder 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★1663.

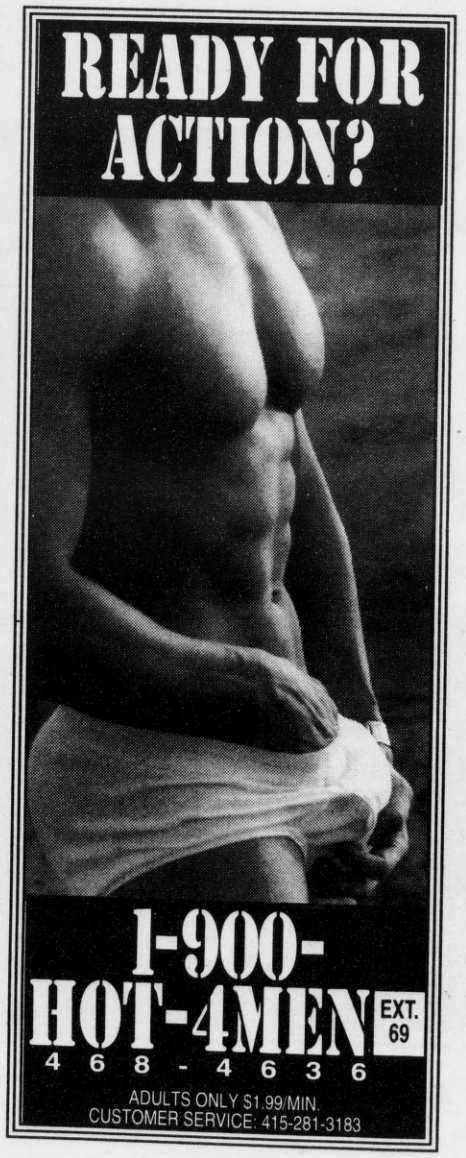
Old-Fashioned Boy...
Seeks same. Might sound corny, but there have got to be other men out there who would describe themselves the same way I see myself. So what would make you an old-fashioned boy? I'd probably say qualities like stability, your ability to commit and how loving, affectionate and attentive you are. You'd be a good listener, understanding and have morals and a sense of humor (doesn't hurt to be a little goofy now and then). You want a long-term, monogamous relationship, but you know it won't happen until someone you find attractive and happy with himself comes into your life. Things like these might seem simple yet have been hard to find among the men that I've met and dated the past few years, so I'm trying a different approach this time. Keep reading. I'm a very handsome GWM, 30s, 6', 175 lbs. Sorta brownish-red hair, blue eyes and cleanshaven. HIV-. Nice, straight, white, even teeth. I don't have big muscles, but I'm in great shape due to running, running and more running. I have a wide range of interests, things both indoors and outdoors (we'll talk about these). You? Well, also GWM, considered very handsome, with body in good shape. Nice smile. HIV-, 30s to early-40s, and you're fun to be with. Neither one of us smokes or does drugs. I'd most appreciate a thoughtful letter describing yourself, and why you, too, are an old-fashioned kinda guy. Please include photo, which I promise I'll return. The cost of a stamp and the time it takes to write me that letter could start it all. Picture this: Maybe one day we could be out walking, holding hands, and have a stranger comment on what a nice couple we make. We'll thank them, and give each other a knowing smile. Reply BT Box OC116B or call ★★1664.

Friendship And Love
GLM, 45, 6', 190, HIV-. Honest, good-looking. ISO love and respect. Honest guys, 18-60, any race, outdoors, sailing, movies. Please write: Box 13667, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★1665.

Have You A Fireplace?
Looking to snuggle this winter with someone of import. Aspiring teacher with many interests would like to expand horizons. Vital stats: Latino, 30, 5'8", 155, educated, not wealthy, positive, asymptomatic, Buddhist, "old soul," pragmatic, romantic, hopeful, passionate, loquacious. Be honest, cool, tolerant, accessible, over 25, under 40, no substance abuse problems, height-weight proportioned. Thinkers a turn-on! Call or write w/ vivid description. Reply BT Box OC117B or call ★★1666.

Imperfect Mortal
Seeks same. I put one foot in front of the other and "go on living." Sound familiar? Read on: GWM, 37, 5'10", 175, br/gr, HIV+ at least 7





years; East Coast-born, West Coast altered; into highbrow culture by day, Bullwinkle reruns and porn flicks by night. While I confess a peculiar weakness for tall, Californicated Midwestern-guys, don't let your height or place of birth stop you from responding. Just be within 5 years of my age, in average shape, and curious enough to call for a date; the rest "takes care of itself." Call ★★1667.

Honesty/Integrity

34, 6'1", 175#, well-built, handsome GM. Eurasian descent, looking for attractive GWM (27-37), optimistic, self-aware, life-loving, wanting to develop meaningful relationships. My interests: experiencing movies, ballet, live music, fall days, redwoods, hiking, Pt. Reyes, playing basketball, watching Giants games (Candlestick), being quiet at home—fire, good book. My personal journey within's as important as working out my body. Looking for more than sex? I'm looking for you. Call ★★1668.

Kinky Party Guy

GWM, 30s, muscular, looking for others into partying, fantasies, role-plays, 3-ways or small groups, toys, nasty fantasies, dominance/submission, humiliation. Let's get down and nasty together. Let me know your scene. All replies answered. Reply BT Box OC118B or call ★★1669.

Connect The Dots

Young blade... I mean, early 30s... dark good looks... swimmer's build... literate, art-lovin', smart... witty, even... enjoys hot dates w/young men... of all races. Sex, yes... we all want sex... but I don't undervalue companionship. As susceptible as the next guy... to sex appeal... but appreciate... charm, sophistication, elan. Small package (5'8", 140 lbs.), big heart. Call ★★1670.

Friendship—Maybe More

Me: Living in Palm Springs and travel to SF frequently. Attractive Ivy League. Like films, theater, travel, politics, ideas, sex (top), in-shape, youthful 53, 5'11", 155, gray, blue, HIV-, no smoke, drink, drugs. You: GWM, HIV-, trim, stable, adventurous, calm, unpretentious. No drugs, moderate drinker. Write with picture (returned). D.W., PO Box 2887, Palm Springs 92263 or call ★★1671.

Wanted:

Handsome young male couple. You must be fit, monogamous and willing to let me get "between" you. I am a 30-yr-old, svelte, white-looking Latin male. There's nothing else to say—help me with my fantasy. Reply BT Box OC119B or call ★★1672.

Where Have All The Black Bottoms Gone In SF?

To my apartment, where they had a wonderful time! Seriously, though, as much great sex and wonderful times as I've had lately, I'm still eager for more. If you're an enthusiastic Black bottom who loves to give it up, or versatile man who's tired of always being on top, give me a call. GWM, 32, 5'8", brn/grn, and hung. Call ★★1674.

Real People

GWM, 39, 6'2", 200#, red/brown, HIV+, seeks "real" friend/companion to explore life. My interests include music, films, cooking, galleries and the outdoors. I would like to meet and share with someone who is creative, trustworthy, caring and enjoys life. Be my age or younger, love sex and have a variety of interests. Extra points if you are tall, bald and hung. Call and we'll talk. Call ★★1675.

Somebody

Depeche Mode read my mind when they did this song. If you can relate to it also I would like to meet you. I'm a young-looking 30-year-old Hispanic with dark hair, brown eyes, 5'8", and thin. My varied interests include travel, dancing, foreign films and romantic dinners, not in that order. Though things like this make me sick, in a case like this I'll get away with it. Reply BT Box OC120B or call ★★1676.

Attractive 35+ GWM Wanted

By an attractive GAM, 28, for a quality friendship based on mutual understanding and respect. We're both HIV-, sincere, educated, honest, friendly and discreet. I like quiet evenings, driving in the mountains as well as laughter and fun. Let's spend this holiday season together. You won't be disappointed. Please write. Returnable photo is greatly appreciated. South Bay preferred. Thank you very much. Reply BT Box OC121B or call ★★1677.

Bare Feet

Muscular GWM, late 30s, into bare feet, seeks other(s) into same. If this is your scene (or you might be interested in trying it) call and let's talk. 3-ways OK, too. Reply BT Box OC122B or call ★★1678.

Professional Seeks Relationship

GWM, 6'1", blk hair, brn eyes, 180 lbs. HIV-, 40, seeks tall man, 33-45, for mature, monogamous relationship. We are both attractive, adventuresome, educated, affectionate men who laugh, love and live with commitment and passion. We both enjoy gym workouts, the outdoors, bike riding, music and movies. Must be willing to show our feelings, take risks and have a well-balanced life. Take the chance and call ★★1679.

Friendship, Relationship Or... Sex Buddies (?)

GAM, very attractive, looking for bi or GM of any background with the goal of developing nurturing friendship and whatever else may happen... (friends, best friends, sex buddies or... a lover). I'm 29, 5'6", 130, HIV-, cleanshaven, intelligent, happy, educated, self-supporting, proportionate body... with many interests and easy to get along with. You: attractive, masculine, friendly, in-shape, drug-free; between 20-40. Please call ★★1680.

A Regular Guy

This WM is sensual and solid, with a beautiful hairy chest, wide bright smile, HIV-, late 30s, intelligent and nice to know. Have a wide range of interests—sort of a Renaissance man. You have some of same qualities, a well-exercised body that likes to give/take lots of attention; weight in proportion to height. Last but not least, be happy with yourself! Call ★★1681.

I Need A Boyfriend

GWM, 32, young-looking, clean-cut, 5'10", 170, brn/hzl. I've been single now for six months post 4 yr. LTR. Have my own apt. and friends, looking for loving companionship. I'm prof., cute, smart, fun-loving. I enjoy all the usual: cooking, travel, movies, books, plays, concerts (rock) and most anything entertaining and/or interesting. Alter ego enjoys relaxing at home, smoking a joint, cooking dinner, watching TV. I'm not athletic but not overweight. I'm from the 'burbs and had a typical '70s rearing—didn't go to college, but earn a good living. I love sex and mostly bottom, but can be versatile. Average endowment (no size queens, please) and know how to use it. I'm loyal, monogamous, humorous, caring, honest, and friendly. Are you? Looking for love and friends, too. Let's talk, OK? OK! Call ★★1682.

Recovering N'Touch Survivor, Part 2

My ad in the last issue offended. I'm told the speaker at GAPA's general meeting presented it as exemplifying white racist attitudes toward Asians. I thought I was a Sensitive New Age Guy but suddenly I've become the Ted Danson of the rice queen set. Sorreeee! (And now I'm starting to whine like Nan Parks!) Can a white date an Asian without inherently exploiting him? Maybe not. What do you think? Reply BT Box OC123B or call ★★1683.

Cuddling Required

GWM, 35, 5'11", 188, bearded, hairy, br, br, thinning, intuitive, passionate, creative, caring, communicative, versatile, seeks slender, slim, regular, average guy, 25-38, any race who is self-aware, romantic, direct and stable for friendship, cuddling, fun times, adventure and more. My interests include skiing, theater, film, photography, horseback riding, massage, hot tubs, art, acting, travel, city, country, oceans, mountains and square dancing. If you respond, you'll be glad you did... Call ★★1684.

East Bay Native

Very handsome, intelligent, playful. Italian, GWM, 34, HIV-, 6', 165#, in-shape, crewcut, moustache, green eyes, strong legs. I live in Oakland yet travel to SF regularly. Scouting for new buddies on both sides of the Bay for social times out and intimate times in. Open to romance. I'm health-conscious, down-to-earth, comfortable in and out of gay culture; masculine yet emotionally available. Are you: fun-loving, fit and healthy, late-20s to 40s; masculine, primarily a top (uncut a plus) and have a sense of integrity? Write BT to Box OC124B or call ★★1685.

Guys! Sex! Videotape!

Goal: sex buddies, playmates, intimacy, male bonding through mutual sexual pleasures and fun experiences. Me: attractive, mature, 40ish appearance, GWM, 6', 175#, good body, tanned, gray/blond military cut hair, pecs pierced, great cock, hot mouth/tongue for full body exploration, moustache, good kisser, very sexual, honest, sensuous, touch oriented, adventurous exhibitionist, Blow Buddies regular, oral connoisseur with an insatiable appetite to fully service cocks, HIV- (play safe, status irrelevant), enjoy wine, a beer, "poppers" and an occasional joint. You: GWM, 35+, "oral (getting great head) fixated," good looks, maintained body and appearance, "endowed," "masculine." Enjoy kissing, man-to-man touching, massage? Have a very hot erotic apt., sexually graphic male art work, and extensive porno library in Van Ness corridor of the City. Wipe-outs: misrepresentation, small cocks, colognes, unclean or out-of-shape dudes or femmes. If you fit the general outline above, "What have you got to lose but your hot load?" Call ★★1686.

Muscular Bear Type

(Occasionally shaved) careening toward 40, is looking to frolic with youthfully robust, muscular male with affable disposition, open face and heart, and pleasant, engaging masculine looks. Am secure professional in possession of sometimes sharp (but mostly soothing) tongue, looking to connect to share interests in (among other things) travel, comedy, movies and ethnic eating around. Call ★★1687.

For Anyone Responding To

"Hasten Search" on Monday, Oct. 11, any time. Messages were erased due to unexplained mishap. Please call back. Reply BT Box OC125B or call ★★1688.

GAM Seeking GWM

Attractive, athletic, Asian male would like to meet a good-looking GWM. I'm a 5'10", 150 lb., HIV-, financially secure guy who's optimistic, intelligent, balanced, and good-humored. I enjoy playing volleyball competitively, skiing, movies, good conversation and taking weekend trips. Would like to meet an attractive, in-shape, HIV-, easygoing GWM between 24-34 for a friendship/relationship. Please call ★★1689.

Tall, Dark, Handsome Latino

35, 6'2", 195, nice body, soul, dark hair/eyes, well-hung; honest, stable, open-minded with positive values. Very attracted to masculine blue collar types, 20-40, who are easygoing, relationship oriented and want to handle a sexy Latino man for more than one night. I've much to offer—you do too. Letter/photo (returned). Reply BT Box OC126B or call ★★1690.

3-Way Sex

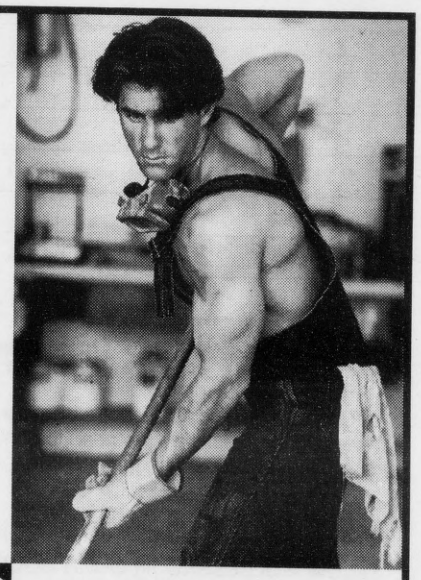
City couple in LTR seeks fun horny guys for hot weekend sex. Especially bottom boys who want to be the center of attention between 2 QWM. HIV-, 31/38, over 6', under 200#, with big hard cocks ready to pump you. We prefer under 30, cleanshaven, NS, + Asians, Latino, blonds. Tell us what you want. Reply BT Box OC127B or call ★★1691.

Asian Seeks Mr. Nice

Good-looking Asian American, 26, 5'11", 170 lbs., healthy (HIV-), straight-acting, masculine and clean-cut. I'm down-to-earth, sincere, intelligent and a creative professional looking for friendship.



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fun & dating. My interests are: music, great foods and conversations, walks, tennis & pool. I'm new to scene. If you're GWM, 22-30, prof., with similar qualities, NS, ND, and a nice guy, let's talk! Call ★★1692.

It Shouldn't Be So Difficult...

To meet friends or a lover in SF. This 35, GWM, 5'7", 145, HIV-, NS, ND, straight-acting, business professional, would like to make it easier to meet similar men, 28-40, for friendship/relationship. I enjoy—for the body—hiking, mountain biking, running, skiing, rollerblading. For the mind—movies, theater, music (rock, jazz), TV sports. I appreciate honesty, sincerity, stability, hugs, laughter and a great kisser. Call ★★1693.

Who Put The "Stud" In "Studious"?

Intelligent, articulate GWM with glasses is also a passionate, versatile Italian (HIV+) with a big... libido. Attractive, trim, short (5'5"), brn/brn, trim beard, mid-30s. Terrific sense of humor, dog owner/lover, real nice guy. Love popular music (Louis Jordan, June Tabor, Sondheim), movies, dining out, but most of all staying in, talking, laughing and making love with a special person. I have lots to offer, emotionally and physically, to the right person, and I'll run this ad till I find him. You: mature but fun-loving GWM in good shape, late-20s-late-30s, no drugs. Call ★★1694.

Better Looking Than...

No Schwarzenegger I, nor Rockefeller, nor Long Dong Silver. Just an ordinary guy: 185 lbs., 5'11", 40ish, still blond w/goatee, glasses. Want Asian prince or pauper (or even queen if not too regal) to share domestic bliss, community activity & pleasures of the flesh. I'm kind & gentle (usually), generous (with what little I've got), dependable, good in bed (when inspired) & slightly better looking than Frankenstein. I like walking around the City, driving in the country, books, foreign movies, dancing & the Y. Please be curious, versatile, sober & somewhat literate. Need not be young, good-looking, or B.D. Wong. Reply BT Box OC128B or call ★★1695.

Fit And Athletic, Seeking Same

Good-looking, masculine, young-spirited, 44-year-old, GWM, seeking someone similar for dating and perhaps a long-term relationship—someone to share adventures together and good times. Me: 6', 170#, br/br, good body, clean-shaven, regular kind of guy, HIV-, NS, ND, healthy lifestyle, sensitive, caring, playful, easy to be with, and sense of humor. If you are seeking someone with similar qualities, please call ★★1696.

Masculine, In-Shape, Good-Looking Guy

Seeks same. Clean-cut, down-to-earth, professional, who looks 43 (but in fact is 53!) is honest, sincere, discreet, dependable, and without attitude. Varied interests include outdoor sports, movies, plays, dining out, quiet evenings at home, kissing, etc. 6', 165 lbs., HIV-, weight trained body, NS, no drugs. If you are masculine, in-shape, good-looking, and appear to be in your early-40s (real age doesn't matter), please send letter and returnable photograph to BT, Box OC129B.

Hairy, Handsome, Bearded, Playful Nature Lover

Seeks a passionate, sensual, spiritual, communicative, growth-oriented, supportive, strong and masculine, yet very sensitive and gentle, intuitive, easygoing, playful kindred nature enthusiast who loves to smile and laugh. We both love cuddling, slow passionate kissing, slow sensual oral action, strong bear hugs and deep nurturing massage. I'm 6'2", slim, muscular, active, fit. You're fit, thin or muscular (a little overweight is fine), smooth or hairy and youthfully good-looking. My interests include: hiking, camping, gardening, animals, biking, yoga, meditation, prayer, holistic healing, soothing music, reading, nature specials on cable, and open honest communication. Berkeley/SF areas. Call ★★1697.

Oral Energy Sought

I've got the cock, words and intensity. You bring mouth, tongue, throat and passion. Serious manly encounters only. I'm 5'9", 165, brown/blue, moustached, 48, healthy, and very well-hung. Also bright, lively, witty, with scads of interests. You could be dark, hairy, original. You should be imaginative and sexy. Let's go for hot head, high times and see what happens. Call ★★1698.

I'll Show You The Ropes

Skilled use of bondage, domination and, perhaps, judicious applications of pain, can take you where you've never been before. Experienced, safe, attractive top (tall, trim, 45) seeks SF novices and others, 20s-30s, for explorations of fantasies, long training sessions, and nasty fun. All considered. Especially like skinny boys and pierced punks in need of a spanking. Reply BT Box OC130B or call ★★1699.

Seeking Uncut Bear

Attractive, masculine, GWM, 38, HIV-, 6', 180 lbs., sandy blond hair, green eyes, moustache & trim beard, light body hair, bodybuilder, uncut, looking for a long-term monogamous relationship with a trim, uncut bear. Turn-ons: foreskins, body hair, beards, deep voices, masculinity, pot and cuddling. I enjoy dogs (I have a yellow lab), going to the movies, collecting laser discs, dancing, the outdoors (sunshine), camping, hiking, travel, and scuba diving. I am professional, intelligent, romantic, affectionate, honest and a good communicator. Reply with photo: BT Box OC131B or call ★★1700.

First Time

Placing a personal ad, but I'm tired of the bar scene and one-night stands. Good-looking architect, great smile, short blond hair, goatee, blue eyes, 5'10", 150 lbs., furry tan fit body, 45 (looks 35). Into: books on tape (commute to Los Altos, live in SF), working out, music, movies, dancing, theater, comedy, cars, hiking, parties, liberal politics and, of course, sex (versatile, great kisser). You are younger, good-looking, with smooth muscular body, sexually versatile, have similar interests and good sense of humor. Looking for some fun times, hoping for LTR. Masculine, HIV- man looking for same. Prefer short letter/photo. Reply BT Box OC132B or call ★★1702.

Relationship Pop Quiz

I decided to make a list of what I was looking for in a relationship: (1) Emotionally available (single, not still in love with his ex-lover, able to feel more than hot, cold and danger); (2) no drugs or alcohol; (3) funny; (4) smart; (5) dark or red hair; (6) stocky firm; (7) hairy. Me: 27 y.o., GJM, 6'1", 210 lbs. (average build); brown receding, green eyes, funny and artistic. So let's go out for coffee and talk about what we're looking for in life. Reply BT Box OC133B or call ★★1703.

Ready For Love

It's time for me to seriously date. I am a 26 y.o. GAM who is attractive, intuitive & intelligent. I am also a student and a professional. You should be under 32, attractive & intelligent. My interests are varied & include the performing arts & politics. You, like me, should be monogamous, NS, ND, have varied interests and desire to build a home & life with someone. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box OC134B or call ★★1704.

Wanted: Burly, Mature WM Professional

Les Aspin, Norman Schwarzkopf, John Shalikashwili types turn me on. Please be hefty/stocky, masculine, fair-featured (Nordic), cleanshaven, healthy (HIV-), nonsmoker, university-graduated. I'm looking to befriend a cultured conservative liberal, affectionate, humorous, open-minded, energetic, nature-loving man of quality and substance. I'm HIV-, mid-40s, 6'1", 185, WM, professional into serious culture, outdoor activities and self-awareness. Please send recent photo. Reply BT Box OC135B or call ★★1705.

Let's Get Busy

GWM, 31, 5'9", 150 lbs., intelligent, well-educated, very fit, professional, involved in a long-distance relationship (East Coast) seeks intelligent, fit GWM or GAM under 35 for friendship, outdoor sports (hiking, road biking, skiing), weekend trips (Yosemite, Big Sur, etc.) and hanging out in SF. Workout partner also a possibility. I'm honest and emotionally stable and live and work in SF. I'm just getting into mountain biking and rollerblading and would especially like to meet another newcomer to one or both of these sports. Please call ★★1701.

Yoicks!

Intense demonic punkster trapped in kinda slightly uncool wee li'l bespectacled 20ish Qweer Asian boy. Into (in no particular order) tattz, books, cheap chunks of food, futon tatering, sweaty fuckin', going to flicks & gigs. Looking for fellas under 35ish (or not) who would rather go book shopping than clothes shopping, would rather crash in bed reading with me than boogieing their buttocks off, would rather get new tattz than trying to get a goddamn suntan amidst dog-shit in some park. Have this incredible worship thing going for guys with dark looks, mega tattz (cute fruits or butterlies on butt do not count) &/or goatees. But heck, I'm single, desperate & horny with a screaming biological clock so I really shan't be terribly picky, after all. Call ★★1706.

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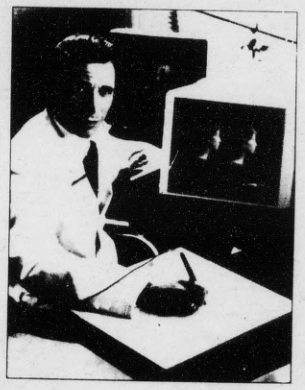
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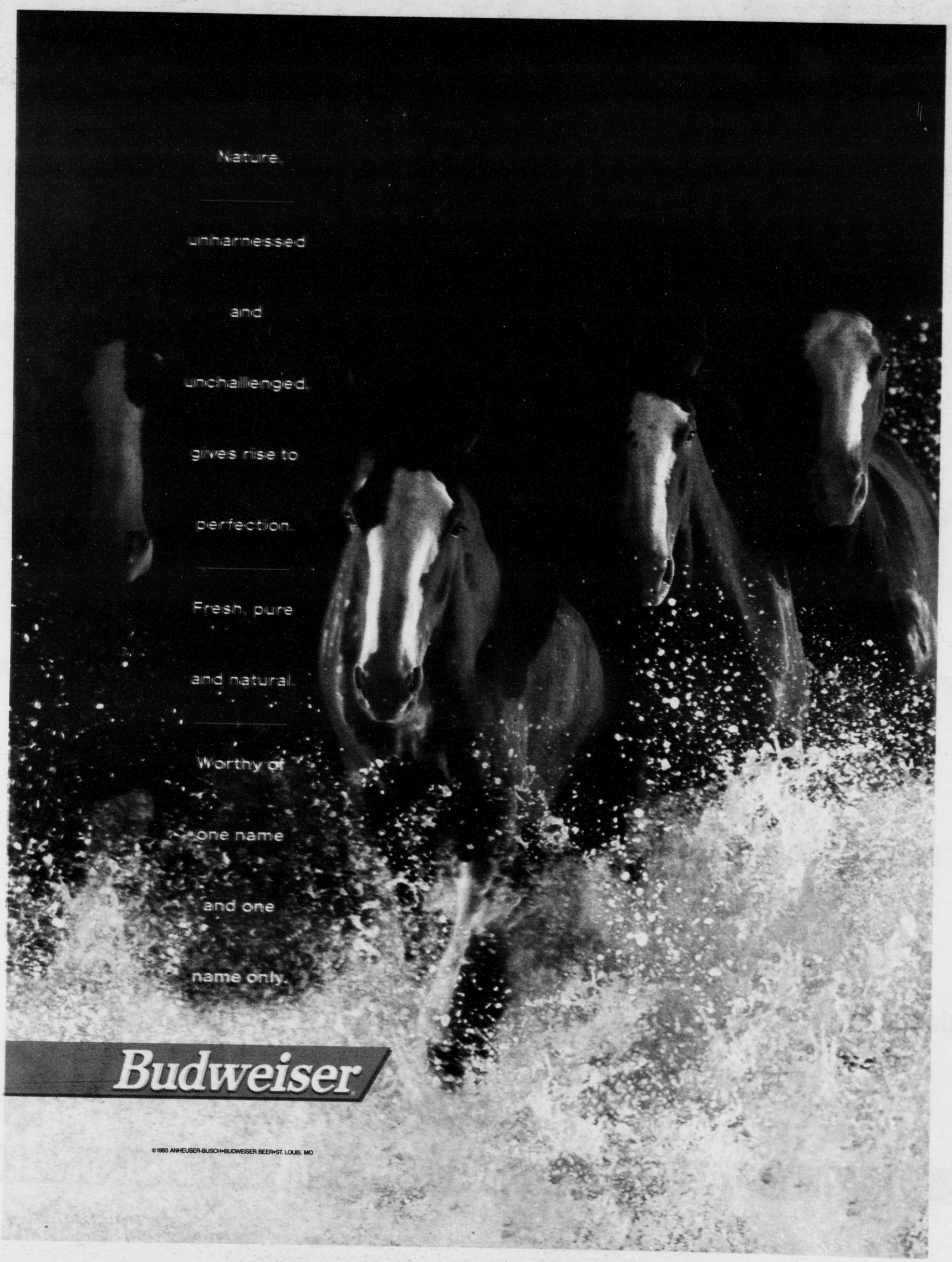


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